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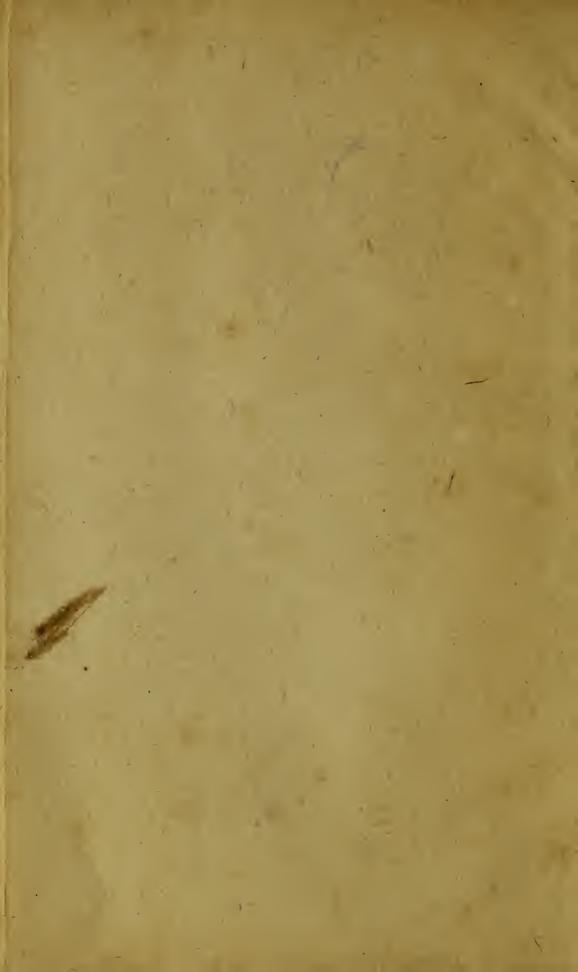
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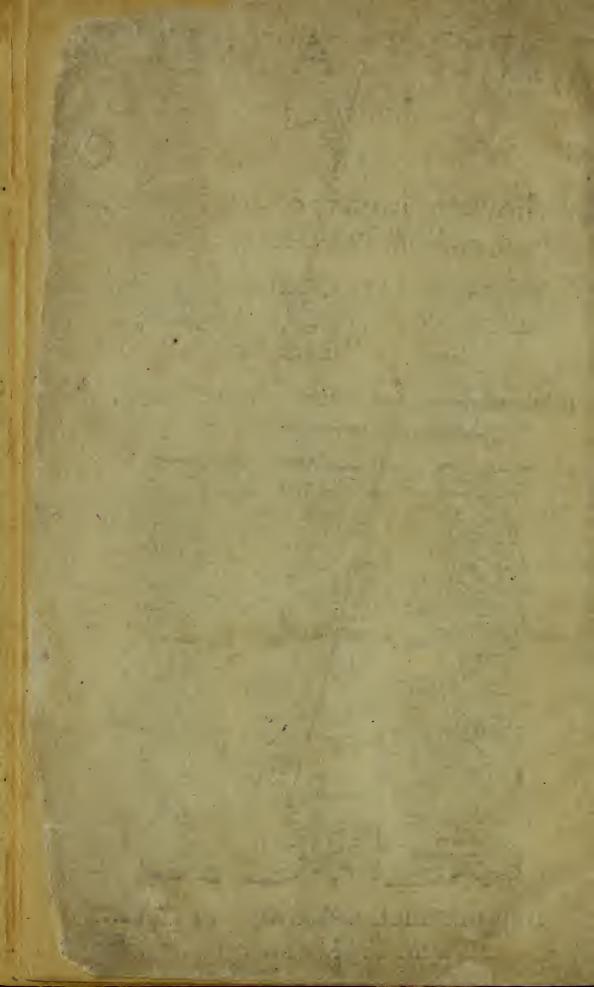
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To the Reader.

Hang no Iuie out to sell my Wine,
The Nectar of good witts will sell it selfe;
I seare not, what detraction can define,
I saile secure from Enuies storme or shelfe.
I set my picture out to each mans vewe, (arts,
Limd with these colours, and so cunning
That like the Phanix will their age renewe,
And conquer Enuie by their good desarts.
If any Cobler carpe aboue his shoo,
I rather pittie, then repine his action,
For ignorance stil maketh much adoo, (tion.
And wisdom loues that, which offeds detracGo searles forth my booke, hate canot harm
Apollo bred thee, & the Muses arm thee. (thee,

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Shipfull, SyrThomas Mounfon, Knight.

English Mæcenas, bounties elder brother,
The spreading wing, whereby my fortune slies;
Vnto thy wit, and vertues, and none other,
I consecrate these sacred Poesies.

Which whilst they line, (as they must line for ener)
Shall give thy honour life, and let men know,
That those to succour vertue who persener,
Shall conquer time, and Læthes over slow.

I pickt these slowers of Learning from their stem,
Whose heavenly Wits & golden Pens have chac't:
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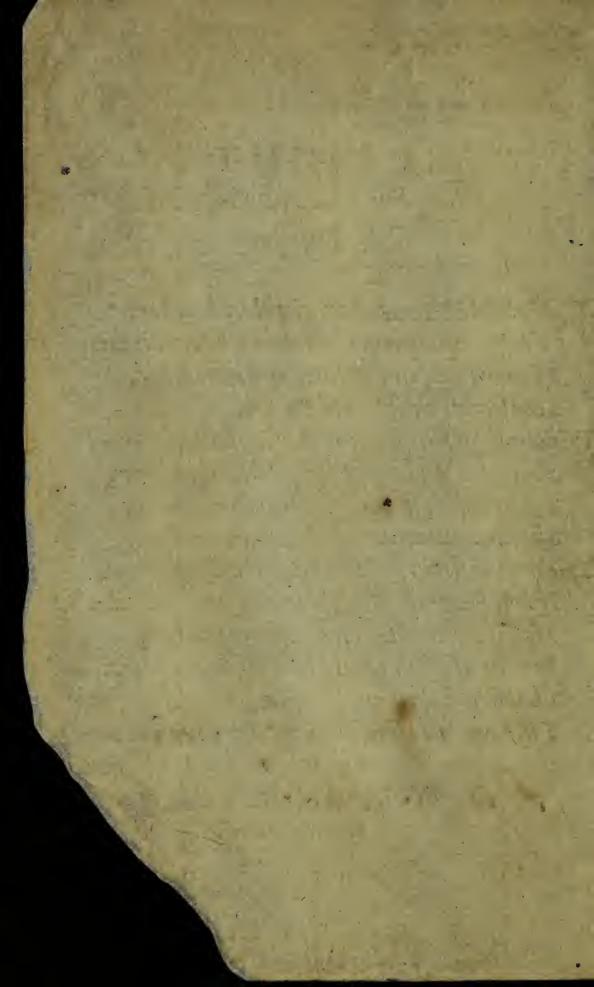
Dudignorance that long affronted them.
In view of whose great glories thou art plact,

That whilst their wisdoms in these writings storish, Thy fame may line, whose wealth doth wisedome

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Your Worships humbly at command.

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Angels.

Aire is the heaven where happie soules have place; In full enjoyment of felicitie, Whence they do still behold the glorious face

Of the diuine eternall maiestie.

More faire is that where those Idees on hie Enraunged be, which Plate so admirde,

And pure intelligences from God inspirde.

Yet fairer is that heaven, in which do raigne The soueraigne powers and mightie Potentates,

Which in their hie protections do containe

All mortall Princes and imperial states.

And fairer yet, whereas the royall seats

And heavenly Dominations are set:

From whom all earthly gouernance is fer.

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins

Which all with golden wings are ouer dight,

And those eternal burning Seraphins

Which from their faces dart out fiery light.

Yet fairer then they both, and much more bright

Be th' Angels and Archangels, which attend On Gods owne person, without rest or ends

Ed. Spencer.

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The first composing of the number nine, Which of all numbers is the most divine, From orders of the Angels doth arise, Which be contained in three Hierarchies, And each of these three Hierarchies in three, The perfect forme of true felicitie: And of the Hierarchies I spake of erst, The glorious Epiphania is the first, In which the hie celestiall orders bin Of Thrones, of Cherubs, and of Seraphin: The second holds the mightie Principates The Ephionia, the third Hierarchie With Vertues, Angels, and Archangels bee. And thus by threes we aprly do define, And do compose this sacred number nine: Yet each of these nine orders grounded be Vpon some one particularitie. M. Drayton.

Out of the Hierarchies of Angels sheene, The gentle Gabriell God cald from the rest: Twixt God and soules of men that righteous beene, Embassador he is for every blest.

The just commands of heavens eternall king,

Twixt skies and earth he vp and downe doth bring. Ed. Fairfax. I ransl. (and gaue

Our walls of flesh that close our soules, God knew how meak, A further gard, euen euery man, an Angell guide to saue: And men for vs be angels, while they work our souls to saus. U. V. VVarner.

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---- If, Angels fight Weake men must fall, for heauen stil gards the right. W. Shakespeare.

Ambition.

Ambition is a Vultur vile, That seedeth on the heart of pride, And finds no rest when all is tride. For worlds cannot confine the one, Th'other lists and bounds bath none. And both subvert the mind, the state Procure destruction, enuy, hate. S. Daniell.

Ambition, sie vpon thy painted cheeke, (Woe worth the beautie sleepes not with the face) For thou art hatefull, soule, vnfare, vnmeete: A poyson-painted pleasure, made men chase. Thou reasonlesse desire that makes men seeke To kisse the same, while stire doch thee unbrace. Thou onely strong disordered, rulest passion, Thou marst mens minds, and putst them out of fashio. I. Markham.

The golden chaine of Homers hie deuise Ambition is, or curled auarice: Which all gods haling being tied to Ioue Him from his setled height could neuer moue. ntending this, that though that powerfull chaine If most Herculean vigor to constraine den from true vertue, or their present states, ttempt a man, that manlesse changes hates: Ind is enobled with a deathlesse loue,

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Of things eternall dignified aboue: Nothing shall stirre him from adorning still,

This Chape with vertue and his power with will.

G. Chapman.

--- The greedy thirst of royall crowne That knowes no kindred, nor regards no right, Stird Porrex vp, to pluck his brother downe: Who vnto him assembling forraine might, Made warre on him, and fell himselfe in fight: Whose death to avenge his mother mercilesse Most merciles of women, Eden hight: Her other sonne fast sleeping did oppresse, And with most cruell hand him murdred pittilesse.

Ed. Spencer.

A diademe once dazeling the eie, The day too darke, to see affinitie:

And where the arme is stretcht to reach a crowne, Friendship is broke, the dearest things thrown downe. M. Drayton.

--- Realme-rape, spareth neither kin nor friend.

1. Higgins. Mir. of Ma.

Who fight for crownes, set life, set all to light, Who sime so hie, wil die, or hit the white.

Doctor Lodge! One riseth by an others fall, and some do clime so fast, That in the clouds they do forget what climats they have past

W. Warner.

The Eagle minded minds that neftle in the sun, Their lofty heads have leaden heeles, and end where they be-Idem

O, fatall is the ascent vnto a crowne,

Fron

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From whece men come not down, but tumble downe S. Daniell.

Like as the heaven two Sunnes cannot containe, So in the earth two Kings cannot remaine Of equall state: so doth Ambition craue, One King will not another equall haue.

Tho. Hudson. Transt.

Whom so the mindes vaquiet state vpheaues, Beit for loue or feare; when fancie reaues Reason her right, by mocking of the wit, If once the cause of this affection flit, Reason prevailing on the unbrideled thought, Downe falls he, who by fancie climbd aloft.

I.H. M. of Magift.

Defire of rule within a climbing brest To breake a vowe, may beare the buckler best.

G. Gascoigne.

In some courts shall you see Ambition Sit peecing Dedalus old waxen wings: But being clapt on and they about to flie, Euen when their hopes are busied in the cloudes They melt against the sunne of maiestie, And downe they tumble to destruction.

Tho. Dekkar.

Better sit still men say then rise and fall. High state the bed wherein missortune lies. Mars most vnfriendly, when most kind he seemese Who climeth hie on earth, he hardest lights, And lowest falles attends the highest flights.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

As highest hils with tempest be most touched,

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And tops of trees most subject vnto winde,
And as great Towers with stone strongly couched,
Haue many falles when they be underminde,
Enen so by proofe in worldly things we finde,
That such as climbe the top of hie degree,
From feare of falling neuer can be free.

I. H. M. of Magist.

Ambition with the Eagle loues to build,
Nor on the mountaine dreads the winter blaft:
But with seife soothing doth the humour guild
With arguments, correcting what is past.
Forecasting kingdomes, dangers vnforecast:
Leaving this poore word of content to such,
Whose earthly spirits have not fiery tuch.

M. Drayton.

Can neuer brooke a private state againe.

S. Daniell.

Of this sweet Island neuer conquered,
And enuying the Britons blazed fame,
(O hideous hunger of dominion) hither came.

Ed. Spencer.

---- Ambition

In princely pallace and in stately townes,
Doth often creep, and close within conuaies
(To leave behind it) damage and decaies:
By it be love and amitic destroid.
It breakes the lawes, and common concord beates.
Kingdomes and realmes it topsie turny turnes.

G. Gascaigne.

Be not ambiticusty a king nor grudgingly decline,

One

OF OFK ENGLISH POETS.

One God did roote out Cis his stock, and raise up Iesses line.

VV. Warner.

The aspirer once attain'd vnto the toppe, Cuts off those meanes by which himselfe got vp. S. Daniel.

Haughtie Ambition makes a breach in hills, Runs drie by sea amongst the raging scills. The Hud.

Affection.

Affection is a coale that must be coolde,
Else suffered, it will set the heart on fire,
The fire hath bounds, but deepe desire hath none.

UU. Shakespeure.

Affection by the countenance is describe,
The light of hidden fier it selfe discouers,
And loue that is conceal'd, betraies poore Louers,
Th. Marlowe.

That to affections doth the bridle lend,
In their beginning they are weake and wan,
But soone through sufferance growe to fearefullend,
Whil'st they are weake, betime with them contend.
For when they once to perfect strength do growe,
Strong warres they make, and cruell battrie bend,
Gainst sort of reason, it to overthrowe.

Ed, Sp.

Afflliction.

Is of Affliction once her warre begin,
And threat the seeble sense with sword and fire,
The mind contracts her selse and shrinketh in,
And to her selse she gladly doth retire.

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As Spiders toucht seeke their webbes in most part,
As Bees in stormes vnto their hiues returne,
As bloud in daunger gathers to the hart,
As men seeke townes when soes the country burne.

I. Danies.

If ought can touch vs ought, afflictions lookes
(Make vs to looke into our selues so neare)
Teach vs to know our selues beyond all bookes,
Or all the learned schooles that euer were.

This makes our senses quicke and reason cleare,
Resolves our will and rectifies our thought:
So do the winds and thunder clense the aire,
So working seas settle and purge the wine,
So lopt and pruned trees do flourish faire.
So doth the fire the drossie gold refine.

1. Danies.

Audacitie.

What need we creepe the crosse to give vnto a begging saint, Tush, tush, a sig for booke love, none be fortunate, that faint.

W. Warner.

Things out of hope are compast oft with ventering, Chiefly in love, whose leave exceeds commission:
Affection faints not like a pale fac'd coward,
But then woes best, when most his choice is froward,
W. Shakespeare.

Blushing and sighing Theseus neuer stroue
To wooc and winne Antiope his loue.

I. Weever.

---VY hen all is done that do we may, ino all the night and suing all the day,

Labour me sorrowing all the night, and suing all the day,

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The female faultie custome yeelds lesse merit, greatest pay:
And ventrous more then vertuous means doth bear the bel
W. Warner. (amay.

Art.

Art hath a world of secrets in her powers.

M. Drayton.

Art curbeth nature, nature guildeth Art.

I. Marston.

Things sencesesses live by Art, and rationall die, By rude contempt of Art and industrie.

G. Chapman,

Art hath an enemy cald ignorance.

B. Iohnson,

Arts perish, wanting honour and applaule.

D. Lodge.

And glory sets all studious hearts on fire.

Tho. Storer.

Art must be wonne by art and not by might.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Valour and Art are both the sonnes of Ione,
Both brethren by the father not the mother:
Both peeres without compare, both line in lone,
But Art doth seeme to be the elder brother,
Because he first gaue life vnto the other.

Who afterward gaue life to him againe, Thus each by other doth his life retaine.

Ch. Fitz. Teffery.

Art is nobilities true register, Nobilitie Arts champion still is said: Learning is fortitudes right calender,

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And fortitude is Learnings saint and aide, Thus if the ballances twixt both bewaide, Honour sheelds Learning from all iniurie, And Learning honour from blacke infamie. Idem.

Vaine is the Art that seeks it selfe for to deceiue. Ed. Spencer.

Auarice.

-- Greedie Auarice by him did ride, Vpon a Camell loaden all with gold, Two iron coffers hung on either side, With precious mettall, full as they might hold: And in his lap a heape of coyne he tolde, For of his wicked pelfe his god he made, would be And vnto hell, himselfe for money solde Accursed vsurie was all his trade, And right and wrong alike in equall ballance waied. Ed. Spencer.

Forth of a Desart wood an vgly beast There seem'd to come, whose shape was thus defined, Eares of an Asse, a Wolfe in head and breast, A carkasse all with pinching famine pined, A Lyons grifly iawe, but all the rest To fox-like shape did seeme to be enclined, In England, France, in Italy and Spaine, Yea all the world this monster seem'd to raine, Where ere this cruell monster set his foote, He kild and spoyld of every fort and state: No height of birth or state with him did boote He conquered Kings and crownes all in like rate. Yeathis beasts power had tane so deep a roote,

It entred in Christs Vicars sacred gate, And vexed Cardinalls and Bishops chiefe, And bred a scandall even in our beliefe. S. I. Harr.

Python whom Phæbus kil'd with thousand darts, Was monster lesse then this by thousand parts.

Idem.

Eriphilaes Armor.

In vaine it were for to declare in Verse,
How sumptuously her armour all was wrought,
All set with stones, and set with Indian Gold,
Persect for vie, and pleasant to behold.
Mounted she was, but not vpon a steede,
In stead whereof, she on a Wolfe did sit:
A Wolfe whose match Apulia doth not breede,
Taught to obey, although she vs'de no bit.
And all of sandy colour was her weede,
Her armes were this, for such a Champion sit,
An vgly toade was painted on her shield,
With poyson swolne, and in a sable field.

All clad in birdlime, without bridge she venters,
Through sell Charibdis and salle Syrtes Nesse,
The more her wealth, the more her wretchednesse,
Cruell, respectiesse, friendlesse, faithlesse else,
Those soule base sigures in each dunghill poole,
Like Tantalus staru din the midst of store,
Not that she hath, but what she wants she counts,
A well-wing d Bird, that never lostic mounts.

1. Symister, Transl.

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Regard of worldly mucke doth fowly blend,
And lowe abase the hie heroike spirit,
That ioyes for crownes and kingdomes to contend.
Ed. Spencer.

Pre aged carke to line, and leave an overplus in store,

Perhaps for spend-alls: so amidst abundance line we pore.

W. Warner.

Those which much couet, are with gaine so fond, That what they have not that which they possesse:

They scatter and valoose from their bond.

And so by hoping more, they have but lesse,
Or gaining more, the profit of excesse

Is but to surfet, and such griefes sustaine,

That they proue banckrout in this pore rich vaine.

VV. Shakespeare.

Those that will all deuour, must all forgoe.

Tho. Dekkar.

Cotent thee with unthreatned mean, & play not Aesops dog. The gold that getle Bacchus gaue, did greedy Mydas clog. Commit not treasure with thy chied to greedy minded men. Then leavest Polydor a spoile to Polymnestor then.

VV. UVarner.

Beautie.

That curtefie that speakes before the toong.
The feast of soules, the glory of the light,
Enuy of age, and euerlasting young:
Pitties commaunder, Cupids richest throne,
Musicke entraunced, neuer duly sung:
The summe and court of all proportion.
And that I may dull speeches least afford,

All Rhethorickes Flowers, in lesse then in a word.

G. Chapman.

Bewtie (daughter of maruaile) ô see how
Thou canst disgracing sorrowes sweetly grace,
What power thou shew'st in a distressed browe,
That mak'st affliction faire giu'st teares their grace.
What ? can vntressed locks, can torne rent haire?
A weeping eye, a wailing face be faire?
I see then artlesse feature can content,
And that true Bewtie needs no ornament.
S. Daniell.

Doth man allure for to enlarge his kinde,
Bewtie the burning lampe of heauens light,
Darting her beames into each feeble minde,
Against whose power, nor God nor man can finde
Defence, reward, the daunger of the wound:
But being hurt, seeke to be medicinde,
Of her that first did stirre that mortall wound.

Ed. Spencer.

Mans conqueresse and seminine renowne:
Not ioind with loue, who deare yet euer sold it?
For bewties cheape, except loues eye behold it.

I. Weener.

Bewtie, natures luie-bush each passenger doth call.

W. Warner.

Seldome wants guests where Bewtie bids the scalt, Mens eyes with wonders nere are satisfied,

All

At fairest signes best welcome is surmised,
The shrine of love doth seldome offring want,
Nor with such counsell, clients never scant.

M. Drayton.

All Orators are dumbe where Bewtie pleadeth.

W. Shakespeare:

Bewtie it selfe doth of it selfe perswade
The eyes of men, without an Orator?
What needeth then Apollogies be made,
To set forth that which is so singular?

Idem.

Nought vnder headen so strongly doth allure
The sense of man, and all his minde possesse,
As Bewties louely bate that doth procure
Great warriors oft their rigor to represse,
And mightie hands forget their manlinesse.
Driven with the power of an heart-robbing eye,
And wrapt in flowers of a golden tresse.
That can with melting pleasance mollisse,
Their hardned hearts enur'd to bloud and cruekte.

Ed. Spencer.

O how can bewtie maister the most strong,
And simple truth subdue avenging wrong?

Idem.

No armour can be found that can defend, Transpercing raics of christall pointed eyes. S. Daniell.

Hard is that heart which Bewtie makes not soft.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

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---- Who so young that loves not? Or who so olde that womens Bewtie moues not? W. Weener.

A sparke of Bewtie burns a world of men, Idem.

O what is Bewtie if it be not seene? Or what is't to be seene and not admir'd, And though admir'd, vnlesse in loue desir'd. Neuer were cheekes of Roses locks of Amber, Ordain'd to liue imprisoned in a Chamber.

S. Daniell.

Nature created Bewtie for the view, (Like as the fire for heate, the Sun for light) The faire do euer hold this pledge as due, By auntient charter to live most in light, As she that is debar'd it, hath not right: In vaine our friends from this do vs dehort, For Bewtie will be where is most resort.

Idem Idem.

All excellence of shape is made for sight, To be a beerle else were no defame: Hid Bewties lose their ends, and wrong their right. G. Chapman.

Heauen made bewtie like her selfe to viewe, Not to be lapt vp in a smoakie mewe: A rosse tainted seature is heavens golde, Whil'st all menioy to touch, all to behold.

M. Drayton.

The ripest corne dies if it be not reapt, Bewtie alone is lost too early kept.

Cb. Marlows.

It hath bene through all ages euer seene, That with the praise of armes and chiualrie, The praise of Bewtie still hath joyned beene, And that for reasons speciall privitie, For either doth on other much relie, For he me seemes most fittest is to serue, That can her best defend from villanie, Arid she most fit his service doth deserve, That fairest is, and from her faith doth never swarue.

Ed. Spencer.

Bewtie is more bright and cleare. The more it is admir'd of many a wight, I And noblest she that served is of noble Knight. Idem.

R ich Bewtie, that each Louer labours for,

Tempting as heapes of new coynd glowing Golde,

(Rackt of some miserable treasurer,)

I Drawes his desires, and them in chaines enfold,

I Irging him still to tell it and conceale it:

Bout Bewties treasure neuer can be tolde,

None can peculiar joy, yet all must seale it.

D Bewtie, this same bloodie siege of thine,

Starues me that yeeld, and feeds me till I pine.

G. Chapman. O Bewtie, still thy Empire swims in blood, And in thy peace, warre stores himselfe with foode.

Idem. O Bewtie Syrene faire enchaunting good, Sweete silent Rhethoricke of perswading eyes: Dumbe eloquence, whose power doth moue the bleod More then the workes, or wisedome of the wise,

Still

Still harmony whose Diapazon lies
Within a brow, the key which passions moue
To rauish the sence and play a world in loue.
S. Daniell.

Beautie enchasing loue, loue gaining Beautie,
To such as conslict Sympathies enfold:
To perfect riches doth a sounder dutie
Then all endeuours, for by all consent
All wealth and wisedome rests in time content.
More force and art is beautie loynd with loue,
Then thrones with wisedom, loyes of them composed,
Are armes more proofe gainst any griefe we proue:
Then all their vertue scorning miserie,
Or judgements grave in stoicke gravitie.

G. Chapman:

Beautie a begger, fieit is too bad

When in it selfe sufficiencie is had:

It was not made to please the wandring eie;

But an attire to adorne sweet modestie.

If modestie and women once do seuer,

Farwell our same, farwell our name for euer.

M. Drayton.

O Beautie that betraies thy selfe to enery amorous eie,
To trap thy proud professors, what is it but wantons trie?
Uthere through it sildom haps the faire from mean deceits
W. Warner. (to flie)

This Beautie faire, is an inchauntment made By natures witchcraft, tempting men to buie With endlesse showes, what endlessy will fade, Yet promise chapmen all eternitie. But like to goods ill got a fault it hath.

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Brings men inricht therewith to beggery,
Vnles the enticher be as rich in faith
Enamourd, (like god selfe-loue) with her owne
Seene in an other then tis heaven alone.

G. Chapman.

To such as feed their fancy with sond love,
That when sweet youth with lust is overthrowne,
It rues in age.

R. Greene.

Where Venus strikes with Beautie to the quicke,
It little vailes safe reason to apply:
Fewe are the cares for such as are loue sicke,
But loue.

Idem.

Truce, warre, and woe, do wait at Beauties gate,
Time lost, laments, reports and privite grudge:
And last, fierce loue is but a partial indge,
Who yeelds for service shame, for friendship hate.
D. Loage.

The bees of Hybla have besides sweet hony smarting stings, And beauty doth not want a bait that crepentance brings.

W.Warner.

Things of best price are subject most to spoyle.

Ch. Middleton.

The fairer cheeke hath oftentimes a soule Leprous as sin it selfe; then hell more soule. Th. Dekkar.

All men do erre, because that men they bee, And men with Beautie blinded, cannot see. G. Peeie.

Beauti

Beautie, heaven and earth this grace doth win, It supples rigor, and it lessons sin.

G. Chapman.

Nought is under heauens wide hollowness
That moues more deare compassion of mind:

Then Beautie to vnworthy wretchednes

Through envies snares, or sortunes freakes vokinds

Ed. Spencer.

But crueltie which yeelds vnto no praier.

S. Daniell.

Like as the Sun in a Diameter
Fires and inflames objects removed fair,
And heateth kindly, thining laterally,
So Beautie sweetly quickens when tis nie:
But being seperated and removed,
Burnes where it's cherisht, murders where it loued.

(b. Marlowe:

Simples sit Beautic, sie on drugs and art. M. Drayton.

Bring men to want on in subjective dutie.

I. Weener.

A frowne forbids, a smile ingendreth loue.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Yea oft, because assaulted of, it hurteth to be faire:

VV. UV arner.

Full soone the fairest face would cease from being such;
If not preserved curiously from tendring more then much

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That wondrous patterne where soeuer it bee
Whether in earth laid vp in secret store.
Or els in heauen that no man may it see
With sinful eies, for feare it to deflore:
Is perfect Beautie which all men adore.
Whose face and feature doth so far excell
All mortall sence, that none the same may tell.

Ed. Spencer.

O Beautie, how attractive is thy power?

For as the lives heat clings about the hart,

So all mens hungry eyes do haunt thy bower:

Raigning in Greece, Troy swumme to thee in art.

Removed to Troy, Greece followed thee in searces,

Thou drewest ech syrelesse sword, ech childlesse dart,

And puldst the Towers of Troy about thine eares.

G. Chapman.

Varietie of Beauties.

The harbingers of lust his amorous eyes did walke, (gold: More clogd with chage of Beauties the K. Midas once with Now this, now that, and one by one he did them all behold. This seemed faire, & that as faire, and letting either passe, A third he thought a proper girle, a fourth, a pleasant lasse. Louely the sift, linely the sixt, the senenth a louely wench, The eight of sweet complexion, to the ninth he altereth thece That mildly seem a maiesticall, tenth modest lookes & toong. The eleventh could sweetly entertain, the twelft was fresh & The next a gay brownetta, next admir d & yoong. (yoong. And every feature so intic this intricate affection, As liking, all alike, he low d confounded in election.

W. W. Warner.

OF OF LINGBIDIE TOLES.

Banishment.

No Banishment can be to him assignde, Who doth retaine a true resolued minde.

M. Drayton.

In exile, every man or bond or free

Of noble race, or meaner parentage:

Is not in this value vanto the flave

That must of force obey to each mans will,

And praise the pecuishnesse of each mans pride.

G. Gascoigne. Transl.

Bashfulnesse.

Was Bashfulnesse in Athens it crested
To chast Agneia, which is sharnefastnesse
A sacred temple, holding her a goddesse.

G. Chapman.

Preserment sildome graceth Bashsulnesse. Idem.

Let sobernesse be still thy wisedomes end,
Admitting what thou canst not comprehend.

I. Syluester. Transl.

Blisse.

These dayes example hath deep written here
Deep written in my heart with yron pen,
That Blisse may not abide in state of mortall men.
Ed. Spencer.

Doth sorrow fret thy soule? ô diresull spirit, Doth pleasure feed thy heart? ô blessed man. Hast thou bene happie once? ô heavy plight.

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Are thy mishaps forepast? ô happie than: Or hast thou blisse in eld? ô blisse too late: But hast thou blisse in youth? ô sweet estate. E. of O.

To immitate a falle and forged bliffe,
Ill may a fad mind forge a mery face,
Nor hath constrained laughter any grace.
G. Chapman.

Blisse not in height doth dwell.

Assiled still by mischiese many waies,
Whose spoyling battery glowing hote and strong,
No slowing wealth, no force nor wisdome staies.
Her smoakelesse powder, beaten souldiers slaies.
By open force, soulc mischiese oft prevailes:
By secret sleight, she sild her purpose failes.

I. H. of Magist.

Blessed the man that well can vie his blisse.

Ed. Spencer.

We think no greater blisse, then such to be, as be we would,

When blessed none, but such as be, the same, as be they should.

UV. UV arner.

Our blisse confists not in possessions,
But in commaunding our affections.
In vertues choyce, and vices needfull chace,
Far from our harts for staining of our face.
The. Kid.

Bountie.

O sacred Bountie, mother of content, Proppe of renowne, nourisher of Arts: The crowne of hope, the roote of good event, The trumpe of fame, the ioy of noble hearts, Grace of the heavens, divinitie in nature, Whose excellence doth so adorne the creature,

M. Drayton.

---- On the other part was to be viewde His vertues, each one by it selfe distinct, Prudence and temperance, and Fortitude, And lustice, and a fift vnto these linckt So nie, that who with it is not indued? The rest may seeme blotted, or quite extinst, Bountie, employed in giuing and in spending, A speciall grace to all the other lending,

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Augustus Casar was not such a Saint, As Virgill maketh him by his description, His loue of learning sculeth that complaint, That men might justly make of his proscription Neither the shame that Neroes name doth taint, Confirm'd now by a thousand yeares prescription, Be e'ne as it is, if he had had the wit, To have bene franke to such as Poems writ, Idem.

---- This reason is the chiefe, That wits decay because they want their hire, For where no succouris, nor no reliefe, The very bealts will from fuch place retire.

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That plaies the nigard with a Princes purse.

M. Drayton.

Care.

Of greedy Care still brushing up the knees,
His knuckles knobd, his sless deep dented in:
With tawed hands, and hardy tanned skin,
The morrow gray no sooner hath begun
To spred his light, even peeping in our eies,
When he is up and to his worke yrunne,
But let the nights black mistie mantels rise,
And with soule darke never so much disguise
The faire bright day, yet ceaseth he no where,
But hath his candles to prolong his toyle.

M. Sackuill.

Rude was his garment, and to rags all rent,
No better had he, ne for better carde:
With bliftered hands among the cynders brent,
And fingers filthy, with long nayles vnpared,
Right for to rend the food on which he fared.
His name was Care; a black Smyth by his trade:
That neither day nor night from working spared.
But to small purpose yron wedges made,
Those be vnquiet thoughts, that world minds inuade.
Ed. Spencer.

Care keepes his watch in euery olde mans eye, And where Care lodges, sleepe will neuer lie: OF OVE ENGLISH POETS.

But where vnbruiz'd youth with vnstuft braine Doth couch his limbs, there golden sleepe doth raine. W. Shakespeare.

Care and suspition are faire Bewties dower.

M. Drayton,

Care the consuming canker of the minde,
The discord that disorders sweet-hearts tune,
Th'abortiue bastard of a coward minde,
The lightsoote lackie that runnes poste by death,
Bearing the leters which contains our end:
The busic advocate that sells his breath,
Denouncing worst to him is most his frend,
H. Constable.

Charitie.

She was a woman in the freshest age,
Of wondrous bewtie, and of bowntie rare,
With goodly grace, and comely personage,
That was on earth not easie to compare,
Full of great loue; But Cupids wanton snare
As hel she hated, chaste in worke and will,
Her necke and brest were euer open bare,
That aye thereof her babes might sucke their fill,
The rest was all in yealow robes araied still.
A multitude of babes about her hung,
Playing their sportes that loyed her to behold,
Whom still she fed, while they were weake and yoong,
But thrust them forth still as they waxed old,
And on her head she wore a tyre of gold;

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Adorn'd

Adorn'd with Gems and Owches wondrous faire, Whole passing price vaneath was to be told, And by her side there sate a gentle paire Of Turtle-doues, she sitting in an Inorie chaire, Ed. Spenser.

Due Charitie in louing doth preferre, Her neighbours good, fore her vtilitie. I. Syluister. Transl.

(they,

Who may but will not helpe, doth hurt we know, and curious That dribling alms by art, disband wel met fro wel done pay.

And he that questions distresse and doth not help endeuour.

The he that sees & nothing saies, or cares is lesse deceanour.

W. Warner.

It is a worke of Charitie God knowes,
The reconcilement of two mortall foes.
Ch. Middleton.

And hatred still is sowne in so great store,
That when the fruites of both came to be reaped,
The tone is scarce, the tother overheaped.
S. I. Harr.

Chastitie.

O Chastitie the chiefe of heavenly lights,
Which mak'st vs most immortall shape to wears,
S. Ph. Sidney.

----- Chastinies attire,

The vnstained vaile which innocents adorne, Th'vngather'd rose defended with the thorne,

S. Daniel.

O Chasticle,

O Charitie, the gift of bleffed foules,

Comfort in death, a crowne vnto the life:
Which all the passions of the minde controlles,
Adornes the maide, and bewtifies the wife,

That grace, the which nor death, nor time attaints,

Of earthly creatures making heavenly Saints.

M. Drayton.

---- A Woman cannot take vpon her, With bewie, riches, nor with hie nobilitie, To claime the true deserued praise of honour, If Chastitie do faile by her fragilitie,
This is the vertue that desends her honour.

S, 1. Harrington,

Who doth desire that chaste his wife should bee,
First be he true, for truth doth truth deserue,
Then he besuch as he his words may see,
And alwaies one credit, which her preserue
Not toying kind, nor caussessy value.
Not stirring thoughts, nor yet denying right,
Not spying faults, nor in plaine errors blinde,
Neuer hard hand, nor euer raines to light,
As farre from want, as farre from vaine exspence:
Th'one doth enforce, th'other doth entice,
All owe good company, but drive from thence
All filthy mouthes that glory in their vice.

This done, thou hast no more, but leave the rest To nature, fortune, time, and womans brest.

S. Ph. Sydney.

Penelope in spending chaste her daies, As worthy as Vlisses was of praise. S. I. Harrington. 28 THE CHOISEST FLOWERS

Of Christ.

The brooser of the serpents head, the womans promized seed.

The second in the Trinitie, the foode our soules to feed.

The vine the light, the doore the way, the shepheard of vs al,

Whose manhood joynd to deitie, did raunsome vs from thrall

That was and is, and enermore will be the same to his, (blis,

That sleeps to none, that wakes to him, that turns our curse to

Who yet vnseen the Patriarks saw, the Prophets had foretold

The Apostles preacht, the Saints adord, Martyrs do be
The same (Augustus Emperor) in Palestinewas born (hold

Amogst his own, Jet his own did curse their blis in scorn.

W. Warner.

Augustus quailing Anthonie, was Emperour alone,
In whose unfoed monarchy our common health was knowne
The bruizer of the serpents head, the womans promisd seed
The second in the Trinitie, the foode our soules to feede.
The vine the light, the doore the way, the shepheard of us all,
The same (Augustus Emperor) in Palestine was borne,
Amogst his own, & yet his own did curse their blis in scorn.
Idem.

Children.

Riches of children passe a princes throne,
Which touch the fathers heart with secret ioy.
When without shame he saith, these be mine owne.
S. Ph. Sidney.

This patterne good or ill our children get,

For what they see, their parents loue or hate,

Their first caught sence prefers to teachers blowes,

The cockerings cockerd, we bewaile too late,

When

When that we see our ofspring gayly bent, Women man-wood, and men effeminate.

Idens

---- What children apprehend,

The same they like, they followe and amend.

D. Lodge.

There is no loue may be compard to that,
The tender mother beares vnto the childe,
For even so much the roote it doth encrease,
As their griefe growes, our contentation cease. G. Gas.

Chaunge.

All is but fained, and which oaker died,
That every showre will wash and wipe away,
All things do Chaunge that under heaven abide,
And after death, all friendship doth decay,
Therefore what ever man bear'st worldly sway
Living, on God and on thy selfe relie,
For when thou diest, all shall with thee die.

Ed. Spencer.

All suffer Chaunge, our selves new borne even then begin

W. Warner.

(to die.

Runne a perpetual circle, euer turning.

S. Dan.
Change liues not long, time fainteth, and time mourns,
Solace and forrow haue their certaine turnes.

All Chaunge is perillous, and all chaunce vn sound.

Ed. Spencer.

--- Seldome Chaunge the better brought, Content who lives with tried state, Need feare no Chaunge of frowning Fate:

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But will seeke for vinknowne gaine,

Oft lives by losse, and leaves with paine. Idems What doth remaine to manthat can continue long?

What sun cashine so cleare, but clouds may rise amog? G. Gascoigne:

No flower is so fresh, but frost can it deface,

No man so snre in any searc, but he may loose his place. Idem.

Most mue it is, as we doo daily proue. No good norill, can stand still at one stay.

S. I. Harrington.

The man that of himselfe is most secure, Shall finde himselfe most fickle and vnsure.

Ed. Spencer.

Men change the ayre, but seldome change their cares M. Drayton.

Chaunce.

What should we thinke of fignes? they are but haps, How may they then be signes of after-claps? Doth every Chaunce foreshew, or cause some other? Or ending of it selse, extend no further? As thouse flowing flood some mount doth choake, But to his guide, some other flood it yoake, Soif that signes thy sinnes once joyne, beware Else-whereto Chaunces tend do neuer care.

· M. of M. True it is if fortune light by Chaunce, There fortune healpes the boldest to advaunce. G. Gascoigne.

Counfaile.

Counsaile.

Sacred Counsaile, true heart suppling balme,
Soule-curing plaister, true preserving blis,
Water of life in enery sudden qualme,
The heavens rich store-house, where all treasure is.
True guide, by whom soule errors due we mis,
Night burning-beacon watch, against mishaps,

Forelight, auoyding many after claps,

M. Drayton.

--- Euery strawe proues sewell to the sire,
When Counsell doth concurre with our desire. Idene.
What eld hath tried and seeene good counsell is.

D. Lodge.

When fathers, friends, and worldly goods are gone.

Idem.

Counseil that comes when ill hath done his worst, Blesseth our ill, but makes our good accurst.

M. Drayton.

Vaine sounds of pleasure we delight to heare,
But Counsell iarres as discord in our eare.

Idem's

A King that aimes his neighbours crowne to win,
Before the fruite of open warres begin,
Corrupts his Counsell, with rich recompences,
For in good Counsell stands the strength of Princes.

I. Syl. Transl.

A Kingdomes greatnesse hardly can he sway,
That wholsome Counsell did not first obey.

M.Dr.

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Euen as by culling fruitefull Vines encrease, So faithfull counsailes worke a Princes peace, D. Lodge.

Concord.

Mother of blessed peace and friendship true,
They both her twins, both borne of heavenly seed,
The which her words divine right well do shewe,
For strength and wealth, and happinesse she lendes,
And strife, and warre and anger does subdue,
Of little, much of foes she maketh frendes,
And to afflicted mindes, sweet rest and quiet sends.

Ed. Spencer.

That ever yet vnto the earth was showne,
Is perfect Concord, th'onely perfect pleasure,
That wretched earth-borne men have ever knowne.
For many hearts it doth compound in one,

That what so one doth, will, or speake, or doo, With one consent, they all agree theretoo.

I. Danies.

By her the heaven is in his course containd,
And all the world in state vnmoued stands:
As their almightie maker first ordaind,
And bound them with inviolable bands,
Else would the waters overslowe the lands,
And fire devoure the water, and hell them quite,
But she them holds with her all-blessed hands,
She is the nurse of pleasure and delight
And vnto Princes grace the gates doth open right.

Ed, Spencer.
O blissfull

O blessed concord bred in secret brest Of him that guides the restlesse rolling skie: That to the earth for mans assured rest, From height of heavens vouchsafest once to flie: In thee alone the mightie power doth lie. With sweet accord to keep the frowne starres, And eucry Planet els from hurtfull warres.

G. Gascoigne, Transl.

When tract of time returnes the lustie Ver, By thee alone the buds and blossomes spring: The fields with flowers be garnishi eu'ry where, The blooming trees aboundant leaves do bring, The cheerfull birds melodiously do sing.

Thou doest appoint the crop of sommers seed For mans reliefe, to serue his winter need.

Idem.

Conscience.

---- Within the ports and iawes of hells Sate deep remorle of Conscience, all besprent With teares: and to her selfe oft would she tell Her wretchednes, and curfing neuer stent To fob and figh, but cuer thus lament With thoughtfull care, as the that all in vaine VVould were and wast continually in paine: Her eyes voltedfast rolling in her head: Whurld on ech place, as place that vengeance broghts So was her mind continually in feare, Tossed and tormented with tedious thought Of those detested crimes which she had wrought. With dreadfull lookes and cheare throwne to the skie,

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Wishing for death, and yet she could not die, M. Sackuill.

So gnawes the griefe of Conscience evermore,
And in the heart it is so deeply grave
That they may neither sleepe nor rest therefore:
Ne thinke one thought, but on the dread they have,
Sill to the death fore to sled with the wave
Of rest lesse woe, in terror and dispaire
They lead a life continually in feare.

Idem.

The searc of Conscience entreth yron walles.

M. Drayton.

No armour proofe against the Conscience terror.

Idem.

A guiltie conscience neuer is secure,

No meanes at all to hide Man from himself can find No way to start aside, Out from the hell of mind, But in himself confinde, He still sees sin before,

And winged footed paine
That swiftly comes behind
The which is enermore
The sure and certain gaine
Impietie doth get,
And wanton boast respect,
That doth himselfe torget.

S. Daniell.

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Like to the Deare that striken with the dart
Withdrawes himselfe into some secret place,
And feeling griefe the wound about his hart,
Startles with pangs till he fall on the grasse,
And in great feare lies gasping there a space.
Forth braying sighes, as though each pang had brought
The present death which he doth dread so oft.
So we deep wounded with the bloudy thought
And gnawing worme that green'd our conscience so,
Neuer tooke ease but as our heart out brought:
The strained sighes in witnesse of our wo.
Such restlesse cares our fault do well be know,
Wherewith with our deserved fall, the feares,
In cuery place rang death within our eares.

M. Sackwill.

From all Conscience what els hath libertie:
As't pleasd the Thracian Boreas to blow,
So turnes our weary Conscience too and fro.
I. Marston.

Kings but the Conscience all things can defend.
M. Drayton.

Whe as thou feel'st thy coscience toucht with greefe, Thy selfe pursues thy selfe, both robd, and theefe.

In colder blood will curse what they designde:
And bad successe vpbraiding their ill soft,
Drawes them, that others draw from such an act.

S. Daniell.

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What man so wise, what earthly wit so ware,
As to descry the crastic cunning traine
By which Deceit doth maske in vizard faire:
And cast her colours died deep in graine,
To seeme like truth, whose shape she well can faine,
And sitting gestures to her purpose frame,
The guiltlesse mind with guile to entertaine.

Ed. Spencer.

Fraud showd in comely cloathes a louely looke,
An humble cast of eye, a sober pace:
And so sweet speech, a man might her haue tooke
For him that said baile Mary full of grace:
But all the rest desormedly did looke,
As full of filthinesse and soule disgrace:
Hid vnder long large garments that she ware,
Vnder the which, a poysoned knife she bare.

S. I. H.

Oft Crast can cause the man to make a seeming show Ofhart, with dolor all distaind, where grief doth neuer S. T. B. grow.

With all her cunning thriues not though it speed.

S. Daniell.

Crast sindes a key to open euery doore. M. Dr.

Conquest.

Who hopes a conquest, leaves no conquest sought.

M. Drayton.

Tis much to conquer, but to keep possession . Is full as much, and if it be not more. I. Sylvester, tran.

To win the field against our armed soes,
Is counted honourable any waies,
Whether it be with pollicie or blowes:
Yet bloodie conquest staines the Captaines praise.
But chiefest honour doth belong to those
Whom fortune to such height of hap doth raise,
To have their soes supprest and overthrowne,
With little losse and daring of their owne.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Whereas proud conquest keepeth all in awe, Kings oft are forst in seruile yoakes to drawe.

M. Drayton.

Country, common-weale.

We must affect our Country as our parents,
And if at any time we alienate
Our loue or industry from doing it honor,
It must respect effects and touch the soule,
Matter of conscience and religion,
And not desire of rule or benefit.

G. Peele.

Necessitie enforceth euery wight,
To loue his natiue seat with all his might.
A happie quarrell is it and a good,
For countries cause to spend our dearest blood.

G. Gascoigne.

That publike weale must needs to ruine go, Where private prosit is preferred so.

G. Geffrayes.

Home though it homely be, yet is sweet.

And native soyle is best.

S. I. Harr.

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If so the temperature of Common-weale
Be guided by the course of heavenly powers,
Such as in deep affaires will instly deale,
Must have an eye to those eternal bowres,
And by their view direct this state of ours.

Then how can he a perfect states man proue, That knowes not how celestiall bodies moue?

Th. Stoner.

That men their country and their birth-right beare, Exceeds all loue, and dearer is by farre: Our countries loue, the friends or children are. T. Kyd.

Content.

All wealth and wisedome rests in true Content.
Contentment is our heaven, and all our deeds
Bound in that circle; seld or never closde.

G. Chapman.

Who seekes to have the thing we call enough.
Acquaint himselfe with Contentation:
For plenteousnesse is but a naked name:
And what sufficeth wse of mortals men,
Shall best apay the meane and modest harts.

G. Gascoigne.

The noblest mind the best contentment hath.

Ed. Spencer.

High climing wits do catcha sudden fall, With none of these Content doth dwell withall.

D. Lodge.

Content feeds not on glory nor on pelfe. Cotent can be contented with her felfe. Th. Bastard.

Content

RENGLISH POETS. Cotent is worth a monarchy, and mischief hits the hie. W. Warner, Who so contented lives, is happie wise. D. Lodge.

Inconstant change such tickle turnes hathlent, As who so feares to fall, must seeke Content. Depriue the world of perfect discontent. All glories end, true honour strait is stain'd:

And life it selfe in errors course is spent.

All toyle doth fort but to a fory end, For through mislikes each learnes for to amend.

D. Lodge.

man new lutter He only lives most happily That's free and farre from maiestie: Can live content, although vnknowne: He fearing none, none fearing him: -Medling with nothing but his owne, While gazing eyes at crownes grow dim.

Th. Kyd.

Courage.

----To Courage great It is no lesse beseeming well to beare, The storme of fortunes frowne, or heavens threat, Then in the sun-shine of her countenance cleare, Timely to joy and carry comely cheare.

Ed. Spencer.

High Courage with true wisedome euer backt, Winnes perfect fame.

Th. Lodge.

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Nere was there euer noble courage seene,			
That in advantage would his puissance boast,			
Honor is least where ods appeareth most.			
		T. J. Comment	

Where is no courage, there is no ruth nor mone.

Idem.

Good hart in ill, doth th'euil much amend.

Idem.

Courage imboldneth wit, wit courage armes:

M. Drayton.

They make their fortune who are stout and wise, Wit rules the heavens, discretion guides the skies.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Action is fiery valours souerainge good.

G. Chapman.

No soote to soe Repining courage yeelds.

Ed. Spencer. more wise, I hen are the valiant who more vaine, then cowardes who

Not men that trauell Pegasus, but fortunes fooles do rise?

W. Warner.

Bevaliant, not too ventrous, but fight to fight againe, Euen Hercules did hold it ods, for one to striue with twaine. Idem.

Might wanting measure, moueth surquedrie.

Ed. Spencer.

Then who fights but for what he had before.

S. Daniell.

May march more circumspect with bester heed.

Valour

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Valour in greatest daungers shewes most bright.
As sull-fac't Phabe in the darkest night.

Ch. Fitz Geffrey.

The Spartanes once exilde Architochus,
The Author of Lycambes Tragedie,
Because he said it was commodious,
Rather to cast away his shield and slie,
Then boldly to resist, and brauely die.

Idens.

Court.

The Princes Court is mansion of the wise.

Figure of heaven, faire fountaine of delights,

Theater of honours, earthly paradice,

Sudden advancer, Spheare of purest light,

The huely Vatican of bewties bright.

Thither let Phaebus progenie resort,

Where shines their father, but in loves great Court?

Th. Storer.

That nothing can be done but fame reports.

S. Daniell.

To censure is the subject of the Court,
From thence fame carries, thither fame doth bring,
There too each word, a thousand ecchoes ring,
A Lotterie, where most loose, but sewe do winne.

M. Drayton.

Nothing in Court is done without a fee,
The Courtier needs must recompenced bee. E. Sp.
Most miserable man, whom wicked fate
Hath brought to Court to sue for, had I wist,
That sewe hath sound, but many one hath mist.

Idem.

The

--- The Court is counted Venus net,
Where gifts and vows, forestalls are often set:
None be so chaste as Vesta, but shall meete,
A curteous tongue, to charme her eares with sweete.
R. Greene.

---- The Court hath much of vanitie and painfull ease.

W. Warner.

--- The Court is now become a skittish colte, Of wife men hardlier man aged then of the glorious dolt, Idem.

These all deformities in forme in some one man we see, More garded then regarded, franke not to continue free, Whe as the merchats booke, the map of all his wealth shalbe. Idem.

Now finde we nought in Court, but curious fooles.

O you whose noble hearts cannot accord,

To be the the slaues to an infamous Lord,

And knowes not how to mixe with perillous are,

The deadly poyson with the amorous dart,

Whose natures being found, wills no constraint,

Nor will your face with flattering pensill paint.

For weele nor woe, for pitte nor for hire,

Of good my Lords their fauours to require,

Goe not to Court, if ye will me beleeue,

For in that place where ye thinke to relecue:

The honour due for vertue yee shall finde,

Nought but contempt which leaues good men behind.

Th. Hudson Trans.

The wanton luxurie of Court,
Doth forme the people of like fort.

S. Daniell.

Ye worthy dames that in your breasts do beare,
Of your all-seeing god, no service feare:
Ye that of honour have a greater care,
Then sights of Courts, I pray you come not there,
Let them that in their purse have not a mite,
Cloathe them like Kings, and play the Hypocrite,
And with a lying tale and fained cheare,
Court-coozen them whom they would see on beare,
Let there the Pandar sell his wife for gaine,
With service vile, his noblesse to attaine:
Let him that serves the time, chaunge his intent,
With faith unconstant saile at every vent.

Th. Hudsen, Transs.

The Court was never barren yet of those
Which could with subtill traine, and hard aduise,
Worke on the Princes weakenes and dispose,
Of feeble frailtie easiest to entice.

S. Daniell.

Golden cuppes do harbor poyson,
And the greatest pompe dissembling,
Court of seasoned words hath foyson
Treason haunts in most dissembling.

D. Lodge.
Ye fearefull wits, ye impes of Achelous,
Which wracks the wilest youth with charming voice,
Ye Girces, who by your enchauntment strange,
In stones and swine, your Louers true doo change:
Ye Stymphelids, who with your youth vptakes,
Ye Rauens that from vs our riches takes.
Ye who with riches, art, and painted face,
For Priams wife puts Castor's sister in place.

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Ye Myrrhaes, Canaces, and Semyrames,
And if there were yet moe defamed dames,
Come all to Court, and there ye shall receive
A thousand gaines, vameete for you to have,
There shall you see the gifts of great provinces,
There shall you see the grace of gracelesse Princes,
The Hudson. Transl.

Courtiers as the tide do rise and fall.

Ed. Spencer.

With Courtiers maiestie to be reputed
Too learn'd, too grave, too fine, or too conceited.

Thomas Stoner.

Who full of wealth and honours blandilhment, Among great Lords his younger yeares hath spent, And quaffing deeply of the Court delights, Vide nought but tilts, armours, and maskes, and fights, If in his age his Princes angry doome, With deepe disgrace, daine him to liue at home In homely cottage, where continually The bitter smoake exhales aboundantly, From his before vnforrowe-drained braine, The brackish vapours of a filuer raine, Where vsher lesse both day and night the North, South East, and West windes enter and go forth. Where round about the lower roofte-broke walles, In stead of Arras, hang with Spider calles: Where all at once he reacheth as he stands, With brows the roofe, both walls with both his hands. He weepes and fighes, and shunning comforts aye, Wisherh pale death a thousand times a day, And

And yet at length falling to worke, is glad To bire a browne crust that the mouse hath had, Andin a dish, in stead of Plate or glasse, Sups oaten drinke, in stead of Hypocrasse. I. Syluister.

Courteste.

Of Court it seemes, men Courtesie do call, For that it there most vseth to abound, And well beseemeth that in Princes hall, That vertue should be plentifully found. Which of all goodly manners is the ground, And roote of civill conversation.

Ed. Spencer.

Mongst vertues all growes not a fairer flower, Then is the bloome of comely Courtesie, Which though it on a lowely stalke do bower, Yet brauncheth forth in braue nobilitie, And spreads it selfe through all civilitie: Of which though present age doo plentious seeme, Yet being matcht with plaine antiquitie, Ye will them all but fained shewes esteeme, Which carry colours faire, which feeble eies mildeem. Idem.

--- In the triall of true Courtesie, Its now so farre from that which once it was, That it indeed is nought but forgerie, Fashion'd to please the eyes of them that passe, Which see not perfect things but in a glasse, Yet is that glasse so gay, it cannot blinde The wisest sight, to thinke that gold is brasse.

But vertues seate is deepe within the minde, And not in outward shew, but inward thoughts defind. Idem.

This noble vertue and divine,
Doth chiefly make a man so rare and odde,
As in that one, they most resemble God.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Wipes malice out of every noble minde.

S. I. Harrington.

--- Courtesie oft times in simple bowers, Is found as great, as in the stately towers.

Idem.

Tis meete a gentle heart should ever showe
By Courtesie, the fruites of true gentilitie,
Which will by practice, to an habit growe,
And make men do the same with great facilitie.
Likewise, the dunghill-blood a man shall know
By churlish parts, and acts of incivilitie,
Whose nature apt to take each lewde infection,
Custome confirmes, and makes ill in perfection.

Idem.

Crueltie.

All lay on hands to punish Crueltie.
M. Drayton.

Of open shame, or else some bloody death,
Repentance selfe, that other sinnes may purge,
Doth slie from this, so sore the soule it sleieth,
Dispaire dissolves the cruell caitisfies breath,

For vengeance due doth suddenly alight On cruell deeds, the mischiese to requite. I. H. Mir. of M.

Custome.

Round headed Custome th'apoplexie is, Of bedrid nature, and lives led amis, And takes away all feeling of offence. G. Chapman.

Custome abused brings vertue in disdaine. Nature with Custome ioyned, neuer failes But by her selfe, and in her selfe prevailes.

D. Lodge.

Whereas to nature, forward to retaine, Lewde obiects are annext, and Customes vaine, The wounds grow desperate, and death doth end, Before good counsell can the fault amend.

Idem.

Custome the worlds judgement doth blind so farre, That vertue is oft arraign'd at vices barre.

I. Syl. Transl.

Danger.

-- Danger cloath'd in ragged weede, Made of beares skinne, that him more dreadfull, made, Yet his owne face was dreadfull, ne did neede Strange horror to deforme his grifly shade, A net in th'one hand, and a rustie blade In th'other was, this mischiefe, that mishap With th'one, his foes he threatned to inuade, For whom he could not kill, he practis'd to intrap.

Ed. Spencer.

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Danger hath honour, great designes their fame-S. Dan.

The greatest daungers promise greatest blisse.

M. Drayton.

Danger deuiseth shists, wit waits on seare.

W. Shakespeare.

Daunger's the chiefest ioy to happinesse, And resolution honours fairest ayme, (h. Marlowe.

The path is smooth that leadeth vnto Daunger. VV. Sh.

When as we thinke we most in safetie stand, The greatest daunger then, is neare at hand. M. Drayton.

The Daunger hid, the place vnknowne and wilde, Breeds dreadfull doubes: oft fire is without smoake, And perill without shewe.

Ed. Spencer.

Ay-me, how many perills do enfolde
The righteous man, to make him daily fall:
Were not that heauely grace did him behold,
And steadfast truth acquite him out of all.

Idem.

A thousand perills lie in close awaite,
About vs daily to worke our decay,
That none except a god, or god his guide,
May them auoyd, or remedie prouide.

Idem.

In perill, we do thinke our selues most sure.

And oft in death some men are most secure.

No Dangerbur in hie estate, none enuies mean degree.

OU. Warner.

Dangerous

--- Daungerous things dissembled sildome are,
Which many eyes attend with busic care.

M. Drayton.

The absent danger greater still appeares, Lesse feares he, who is neare the thing he feares.

S. Daniell.

Most strong is he when daungers are at hand, That lives prepard' their suries to withstand. Of common sence he is deprived cleane, That falles with closed eyes on daunger seene: And he that may both paine and hurt eschue, Is vaine, if he his proper death pursue.

Dread.

Next sawe we Dread, all trembling how he shooke, With soote vncertaine profered here and there: Benumbd of speech, and with a gastly looke, Searcht euery place, all pale and dead for seare: His cap borne vp with staring of his haire. Stoynd and amaz'd at his owne shade for dread, And feeling greater daungers then was need.

M. Sackuill.

----Coward Dread lackes order, seare wants arr, Dease to attend, commaunded, or desirde.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Death.

Heavy and cold the shape of death aright,
That daunts all earthly creatures to his lawe:
Against whose sorce in vaine it is to fight,

Ne Peeres, ne Princes, nor no mortall wight,
No Townes, ne Realmes, Cities, ne strongest Tower,
But all perforce must yeeld vnto his power.
His dart anon out of his corpes he tooke,
And in his hand (a needfull fight to see)
With great try umph est somes the same he shooke?
That most of all my seares affraied me,
His body dight with nought but bones perdie.
The naked shape of man there sawe I plaine,

All saue the stess, the sinew, and the vaine.

M. Sackwill.

Death is a port, whereby we passe to ioy,
Life is a lake, that drowneth all in paine:
Death is so neare it ceaseth all annoy.
Life is so lead, that all it yeelds is vaine.
And as by life to bondage man was brought,
Euen so likewise by death was freedome wrought.

E. of Surrey.

Nought is immortall vnderneath the Sun,
All things are subject to deaths tyrannie:
Both clownes & kings, one selfesame course must run.
And whatsoever lives is sure to die.

Th. Kyd.

Death's alwaies readie, and our time is knowne.
To be at heauens dispose, and not our owne.

Idem.

The brauest are as blossomes, and the longest liver dies:

And dead, the coneliest creature as the lothsoms carion lies.

W. Warner.

Our frailties done are written in the flowers,
Which flourish now, and fade away ere many howres.

S. Daniell.

All

To die the death, for nought long time may last:
The sunne his beautie yeelds to winters blast.

I. H. M. of Magist.

Is't not gods deed what ever thing is done,
In heaven and earth? Did not he all create
To die againe? all ends that was begunne:
Their times, in his eternall bookes of fate,
Are written sure, and have their certaine date.
Who then can strive with strong necessitie,
That holds the world in his still chaunging state?
Or shun the death ordaind by desteny,
When houre of death is come, let none aske whence or

Ed. Spencer. (why.

For hee's impartiall, and with one lelfe hand Luts off both good and bad, none can withstand,

(b. Middleton.

Death certaine is to all the prouerbe faith: Incertaine is to all the houre of death.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

ale fearefull death with bloudy dart doth strike, he wretched caitiffe and the king alike.

Intimely neuer comes the lifes last meere,

raight after birth, is due the fatall beere:

y deaths permission th'aged linger heere.

en in the swath-bands our commission goeth, o loose thy breath, that yet but youngly bloweths

I.H. Mir. of M.

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All musicke sleepes where death doth lead the daunce.

Ed. Spencer.

Let nature for perfection mould a paragon each way, Yet death at last on finest lumps of living slesh wil prays For nature neuer framed it, that neuer shall decay.

VV. VVarner.

---- Fatall death the emperor of graues.

I. Markham.

Death is the key which vnlockes miserie, And lets them out to blessed libertie.

M. Drayton.

All is but lost that huing we bestowed,
If not well ended at our dying day.
O man have mind of that last bitter rage,
For as the tree doth fall, so lies it ever lowe:
Ed. Spencer.

No feare of death should force vs to do ill.

Th. Kyd.

We seeke to shorten our appointed race,
Then tis for feare that we our selues do kill:
So sond we are to feare the worlds disgrace.

Happie, thrice happie, who so lost his breath,
That life he gaineth, by his godly death.
Vnwise and wreiched men to weet whats good or ill
We deeme of death as doome of ill desert:
But know we sooles what it vs brings vntill:
Die would we daily once it too expert.

No danger there the shepheard can a start, Faire sields and pleasant sields there beene, OF U/K ENGLISH PULLS.

The fields aye fresh, the grasse aye greene.

Ed. Spencer.

---- This same

Which we call death, the soules release from woe,
The worke which bring our blisse to happie frame:
Sildome arrests the bodie, but we finde
Some notice of it written in our minde.

I. Markham.

The worth of all men by their end esteeme, And then due praise, or due reproach them yeeld.

S. Spencer.

---- Death is an euill doome.

To good and bad, the common Inne of rest,
But after death the triall is to come
When best shall be to them that lived best,
But both alike when death hath both supprest.
Religious reverence doth buriall teene,
Which who so wants, wants so much of his rest.
For all so great shame after death I weene,
As selfe to dien bad, vnburied, bad to beene.

Ed. Spencer.

---Beasts with carelesse steppes to lethe go, Where men whose thoughts and honours clime on hie, Liuing with fame, must learne with same to die.

D. Lodge.

Death but an acted passion doth appeare,
Where truth gives courage and the conscience cleare,
M. Drayton.

Who dies, the vemost dolour must abide: But who that lives, is lest to waile his losse, So life is losse, and death felicitie.

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Sad life worse then glad death, and greater crosse. To see friends graue, then dead, the graue selfe to en-Ed. Spencer. (grosse.

There long-some ill is buried with their bones,

The Hudson. Transl.

Death is to him that wretched life doth lead
Both grace and gaine; but he in hell doth lie
That liues a loathed life, and wishing cannot die.
Ed. Spencer.

Death is most louely sweet and amiable: But captiu'd life for foulenesse admirable.

I. Marston.

Inforce attention like deep harmony,
Where words are scarce, they are sildom spent in vaine;
For they breath truth, that breath their words in paine.
He that no more must say, is lissened more,
Then they whom youth & ease have taught to glose;
More are mens ends markt, then their lives before.
The setting sunne and musick at the close,
As the last tast of sweetest tast,
Writ in remembrance more, then things long past.

W. Shakespeare.

Delaie.

On the one side doubt, on the other sate Delaie,
Behind the gate, that none her might espie:
Whose manner was, all passengers to staie,
And entertaine with her occasions slie.
Through which, some lost great hope wheedilie,
Which never they recover might againe:
And

And others quite excluded forth did lie.

Long languishing there, in vnpittied paine,

And seeking often entrance afterward in vaine.

Ed. Spencer.

--- Daunger growes by lingring till the last, And phisicke hath no helpe when life is past.

Th. Watson.

---Oft things done, perhaps, do lesse annoy Then may the doing, handeled with delay.

S. Daniell.

Delaie in close awaite

Caught hold on me, and thought my steps to stay,

Faining stil, many a fond excuse, to prate:

And time, to steale the treasure of mans day,

Whose smallest minute lost, no riches render may.

Ed. Spencer.

----Times delay new hope of helpe still breeds.

Idem.

Is leaden seruitor, to dull delay.

W. Shakespeare.

He that will stop the brooke must then begin When sommers heat hath dried vp the spring: And when his pittering streames are low and thing. For let the winter aid vnto them bring, He growes to be of watry flouds the king: And though you damme him vp with lostic rankes, Yet will he quickly ouerstow his bankes.

R. Greene.

Ill newes deferring, is a plague as great as an ill newes.

Ab. Fraunce.

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Delay in loue breeds doubts, but sharpe deniall death.

W. Shakespeare.

--- Intermission suffers men dispute,
What dangers are, and cast with further care,
Colde doubt cauells with honour, scorneth same,
And in the end scare waighes downe faith with shame,
S. Daniel.

Where hearts be knit, what helpes if not in ioy?
Delay breeds doubts, no cunning to be ioy. M. D.

Delight.

In things without vs, no Delight is sure.

G. Chapman.

A sweete in shape is but a bad Delight.

D. Lodge.

Prosperitie a flatterer is found,
Delight is fearelesse till it feele the wound,
M. D. Vid. Pleasure.

Desire.

--- Desire, whom not the sirmament,
Nor zire, nor earth, nor Ocean can content,
Whose lookes are hookes, whose bellies bottomlesse,
Whose hands are gripes to scrape with greedines,

She brings to field a rough vnruly band,
First, secret burning, mightic swoln ambition,
Whom Epicurus many worlds suffice not,
Whose furious thirst of proud aspiring dies not,
Whose hands transported with phantasticke passion,
Beare painted steeples in imagination.

I. Syluister, Transl.

Amongst

Amongst the most, the worst, we best can chuse, Tis casie to desire, but hard to vse.

M. Drayton,

Desire hath philters, which desire procure.

If blinde desire thy heart hath once embraced, Inthrall'd it is, and honour so defaced.

Desire with small encouraging growes bolde.

M. Drayton.

What can be said that Louers cannot say?
Desire can make a Doctor in a day.

Idem.

Things much retain'd, do make vs much desire them, And bewties seldome seene, makes vs admire them.

Idem.

Destinie.

Sad Clotho held the rocke, the whiles the thrid
By grisly Lachesis, was spunne with paine,
That cruell Atropos est-soones unded,
With cursed knife cutting the twist in twaine,
Most wretched me, whose daies dependenthrids so vain.

E. of S.

The holy Prophet brought Astolpho, where A Pallace (seldome seene by mortall men)
Was plac't, by which, a thicke darke river ran,
Each roome therein was full of divers sleeces:
Of Wolle, of Lint of Woll, or else of Cotten,
An aged woman spunne the divers peeces.
Whose looke and hue did shew her old and rotten,
Nor much valike vato that labour this is.

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By which in sommer a new made silke is gotten, Where from the filke-wormes his fine garment taking, They reaue him of the cloathes of his owne making. For first in one large roome a woman span, Infinite thrids of divers stuffe and hew, Another doth wirh all the speed she can, With other stuffe the distaffe still renew: The thrid in feature like, and pale and wan, Severs the faire from foule, the olde from new. Who be these here, the Duke demaunds his guide? These be the fatall sisters he replide: The Parcaes that the thrid of life do spin To mortall men, hence death and nature, knowe When life must end, and when it must begin. Now she that doth deuide them, and bestow The course from finer, and the thick from thin Workes to that kinde, that those which finest grow, For ornaments in Paradice must dwell, The course are curst, to be consum'd in hell. Further, the Duke did in the place behold, That when the thirds were spent that had bene spunne Their names in brasse, in silver, and in gold Were wrote, and so into great heapes were donne. From which, a man that seemed wondrous old With whole loades of those names away did runne, And turn'd againe as fast, the way he went, Nor neuer weary was, nor neuer spent. This aged man did hold his pace so swift, As though to runne, he had bene onely borne, And in the lappet of his cloake were borne The names, &c. This was time. An

An heape of names within his cloake he bore, And in the river did them all vnlade: Or to say truth, away he cast them all, Into this streame, which Lathe we do call.

S. I. Harr. Transl. Vide. Fame.

--- You sad daughters of the quiet night,
Which in your private resolution wright,
What hath, or shall vpon our fortunes light,
Whose stories none may see, much lesse recite;
You rulers of the Gods.

I, Markham.

Downe in the bottome of the deepe Abisse.
Where Demogorgen in dull darknesse pent,
Far from the view of Gods, or heavens blisse,
The hidious Chaos, there dreadfull dwelling is.

Ed. Spencer.

What man can turne the streame of Destenie? Or breake the chaine of strong necessitie? Which fast is tide to lones eternall seate?

Idem.

Things needs must drive as Destenie decreeth:
For which we ought in all our haps reioyce,
Because the eye eternall, things foreseeth:
Which to no ill at any time agreeth,
For ills, too ill to vs, be good to it,
So farre his skill exceeds, our reache of wit.

I. H. Mer. of M.

Woe worth the wight that striues with Gods foresight They are not wise, but wickedly do erre, Which thinks ill deeds due destenies may barre.

Idem.

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No huble speech nor mone, may moue the fixed stint, Of Destinie or death: such is the will that paints. The earth with colours fresh, darkish skies with store. Of starry light.

Ed. Spencer.

Walls may a while keepe out an enemie, But neuer castle kept out destinie.

M. Drayton.

Or weene by warning to anoyd his fate?
That when he sleepes in most securitie,
And safest seemes, him soonest doth amate,
And findeth due effect, or soone, or late,
So feeble is the power of fleshly arme.

Ed. Spencer.

That which Iouc and Destinie haue done,

Men may lament, but neuer disanull.

Ch. Fitz. vide fate.

Dispaire.

Ere long they came where that same wicked wight
His dwelling has, lowe in a hollowe Caue,
Farre vnderneathe a craggy clift vpright,
Darke, dolefull, drery, like a drery graue,
That still for carion carkasses doth craue.
On top whereof, aye dwells the ghassly Owle,
Shriking his balefull note, which euer draue
Farre from that haunt, all other chearefull fowle.
And all about it wandring ghostes do waile and houle,
And all about olde stockes and stubs of trees,
Whereas, nor fruite, nor leafe was euer seene,
Did hang vpon the ragged rocky trees,

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On which had many witches hanged beene, Whose carkasses were scattered on the greene, And throwne about the cliffes.

Ed. Spencer.

That darkesome caue they enter, where they finde That cursed man, lowe sitting on the ground, Musing full sadly in his sullen minde: Hi: grifly locks, long growne and vnbound, Disordered hung about his shoulders round And hid his face; through which his hollowe eies Lookt deadly, dull, and stared as astound. His rawebone cheekes through penurie and pine, Were shrunke into his iawes, as he did neuer dine, His garment nought but many ragged clouts, With thornes together pind and patched was, The which his naked sides he wraps abouts. And him beside, there lay vpon the grasse, A drery coarle, whose life away did passe, All wallowed in his owne, yet luke-warme blood, That from his wound yet welled fresh alasse. In which a rustie knife fast fixed stood, And made an open passage for the gushing flood. Idem.

Me thought by night, a grissy ghost in darke I sawe. Eke ever still to me with stealing steps she drew. She was of colour pale, and deadly hew, Her clothes resembled thousand kinds of thrall. And pictures plaine of hastned deaths withall.

I. H. Mir, of M.

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--- Dispaire

The factor for improvident restraint.

1. Markeham.

Delightlesse liues, still stabbing of her selfe.

D. Lodge.

At such a Kings departure or decease,
To leave the place, and falsifie his faith,
So in this place we ought not to surrender
That deerer part, till heaven it selfe commaund it.
For as they lent vs life to do vs pleasure,
So looke they for returne of such a treasure.

Th. Kyd.

Farre greater folly is it for to kill Themselues dispairing, then is any ill,

I.H.M. of M.

Be resolute, not desperate, the Gods that made thee poore, Can if they will (do wait their will) thy former state restore. W. Warner.

Who dareth the most, wisest counsell giueth.

S. I. Harrington.

We may in warre sometime take truce with foes, But in Dispaire, we cannot with our woes.

M. Drayton.

Dispaire hath euer daunger all contemned.

Idem.

Diuell.

Hells prince, fly parent of revolts, and lies.
I. Sylvister.

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. Oruthlesse murderer of immortall soules, Alaste, to pull vs from the happie poales, And plunge vs headlong in the yawning hell, Thy ceaselesse fraudes and fetches who can tell? Thou play'st the Lyon when thou doost ingage, Blood-thirstie Neroes barbarous heart with rage, While slesht in murders, butcherlike he paints The Saint-poore world, with the dear blood of Saints Thou plaiest the dog, when by the mouth prophane, Of some false Prophets thou doest belch thy bane. Where from the Pulpet barkingly he rings, Bold blasphemies against the King of Kings. Thou plaiss the swine when plung'd in pleasures vile, Some Epicure doth sober mindes defile, Transforming lewdly by his loose impietie, Sweete Lacedemon to a soft societie. Thou plaiest the Nightingale, or else the swan, When any famous Rhetorician With captious wir, and curious language drawes, Seduced hearers, and subuerts the lawes. Thou play'st the foxe when thou doest faine aright, The face and phrase of some deepe Hypocrite. True painted tombe, dead seeming cole, but guicke, A scorpion fell, whose hidden taile doth pricke: Yet this were little, if thy spight audacious, Spar'd (at the least) the face of angels gracious, And if thou didst not apely immitate Th'almightie's workes, the wariest wits to mate.

I. Syl. Transl.
The ghostly enemie doth not stay,
Till tempted persons do obay.

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Yeeld to him, he a Lyon is, Gaine stood a flie, his pray doth mis. Ignoto.

A subtill Pandar with more inticing rights, Then sea hath fish, or heaven hath twinckling lights.

I. Syl.

As a falle Louer that thicke snares hath laide,
To entrap th'honour of a faire yoong maide,
When she (though listening) little care affords,
To his sweete courting deepe affected words,
Feares some asswaging of his freezing slame,
And soothes himselfe with hope to gaine his game,
And wrapt with ioy vpon this point persists.
That parlying cittle neuer long resists.
Euen to the serpent that doth counterfet
A guilefull call to allure vs to his net:
Perceiuing Eue his flattering gloze disgest,
He prosecutes, and iocund doth not rest,
Till he haue tried soote, hand, head and all,
Vpon the breach of this new battered wall.

I. Syl. Trans.

Discord.

Hard by the gates of hell her dwelling is,
There where as all the plagues and harmes abound,
Which punish wicked men that walke amis.
It is a darkesome delue, far vnder ground,
And thornes which barren brookes inuirond round:
That none the same may easily out win,
Yet many waies to enter may be found,
But none to issue forth when one is in,

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For Discord harder is to end then to begin.

Ed. Spencer.

Ate, mother of debate

And all dissention which doth daily grow

Amongst fraile men, that many a publike state

And many a private oft it doth orerunne.

Idem.

----Heknew her weed of fundry hew,

Patched with infinit vnequall lists, i une ile and a list

Her skin in fundry naked places view,

At divers rents and cuts he may that lifts to be

Her haire was gray, and red, and black and blew,

And hard and fost, in laces some she twists:

Some hangeth downe, vpright some standeth starings

As if each haire with other had bene squaring.

Her lap was full of writs and of citations,

Of processes, of actions, and arrests,

Ofbills, of answeres, and of replications,

Greening the simple fort with great vexitions.

She had resorting to her as her guests in a second

Attending on her circuits and her iournies,

Suters and Clarkes, Lawiers, and Atturnies, 19

S.I. Harr. Transl.

Her face most foule and filthy was to see,

With squinted eyes contrariwise imended:

And loathly mouth'd, vnmeet a mouth to bee.

That nought but gall and venome comprehended,

And wicked words that God and man offended.

Her lying tongue was in two parts divided,

And both the parts did speak, and both contended

And as her tongue so was her heart descided.

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THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS That neuer thought on them, but doubly still was gu Ed. Spencer. (de All like as drops ingender mightie flouds, And little seeds sprout forth great leaues and buds: Euen so small strifes if they be suffered runne, Breed wrath and warre, and death erethey be donne. M. of Magist. Concordin kingdomes is great assurance, And royall fame lies do neuer fall: The house But where discord doth lead the doubtfull dance, With busie brawles, and termes of variance, Where malice minstrell is, the pipe ill report, The mask mischiefe, and so doth end the sport. es. all forball Adem. of oy savet drog with and Fire-brand of hell first rinde in Phlegeton, Michael Philes By thousand furies, and from thence outthrowns And set it all on fire by force vnknowne, Is wicked discord; whose small sparkes once blowne, None but a God or godlike manican slake: Such as was Orpheus, that when Strife was growne Amongst those samous Imps of Greece, did take a trace His filuer harp in hand, & shortly friends them make. O cruell discord, food of deadly hate, hat we have Omortall corsiue to a common-weale: which of back Death-lingring confumption to affate, a moure is A poysoned for ethat neuer salue could heale, O foule contagion, deadly killing feuer, and and

Infecting oft, but to be cured neuer.

A state divided, cannot firmly stand:

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OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. Two Kings within one realm could never rest. T. Kyd. Dissimulation. ----Fierce lightening from her eies Didset on sier faire Heroes sacrisice: Which was her torne robe and inforced haire, And the bright flame became a maid most faire for her aspect; her tresses were of wire, Knit like a net; where harts all set on fire, Struggled in pants and could not get releast: Her armes were all with golden pincers drest, and the And twentie fashioned knots, pullies and brakes, And all her body girdled with printed snakes. Her downe parts in a scorpion taile combinde, Freckled with twenty colours piedwings shinds Dut of her shoulders; cloth did neuer die, Nor sweeter colours euer viewed eie. in scorching Turkey, Cares, Tarrarie: Then shinde about this spirit notorious, Nor was Arachnes web so glorious. If lightning and of shreds she was begot, More hold in base dissemblers is there not. der name was Eronusis. G. Chapman. The colours of dissemblance and deceit, Vere died deep in graine, to feeme like cruth. Ed. Spencer letter a wretch then a dissembler que le le pont E. Gilpin. (2.) ---- Commonly in dissimulations Th'excesse of glauering doth guile detect, leason resuschi falshood to direct. F 2 The

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The will therefore for feare of being spied, Exceedeth meane, because it wanteth guide. M. of M.

In any thing, exceed the natural meaners and and that for seare of failing in their seat.

The louely lookes, the lighes that storme so sore,
The due of deep dissembling doublenesse.
These may attempt, but are of power no more,
Where beautie leanes to wit and soothfastnesse.

D. Lodge.

With deep dissemblers, must dissemble too.

chamilie Ch. Middleton:

Constitution Vid. Hypocrisie.

sest End.

By End we judge the meaning of the act.

Begin where lightnesse wil, in shame it ends.

G. Chapman.

Earth.

Thus whilest he laid his head vpon her lap,

She in a fiery manue doth him wrap:

And carries him vp from his lumpish mould,

Into the skies whereas he might behold

Th'earth in perfect roundnesse of a ball,

Exceeding globes most artisiciall.

Which in a fixed point nature disposed,

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And with the fundry elements inclosed. Which as the Center, permanent doth stay, When as the skies in their diurnall sway: Strongly maintaine the euerturning course, Forced alone by their first mouers source. Where he beholds the aiery regions, Whereas the clouds and strange impressions Maintaind by coldnesse often do appeare: And by the highest region of the aire Vnto the clearest element of fire,

Which to her filuer footstoole doth appeare.

M. Drayton.

The Moone is darkned to all creatures eies, Whilest in the shadow of the earth she lies; For that the earth of nature cold and drift, the control of A very Chaos of obscuritie:

Whose globe exceeds her compasse by degrees,

Fixed vpon her superficies.

When in his shadow she doth hap to fall, Doth cause her darknes to be generall.

Idem.

en en en en en en en en en Earth en en en en Beares all her sonnes and daughters in one wombe, she Europes, Ameriques, Affriques, Asians toombe, Idem NO NO

---- Earth cannot comprehend The secret depths of judgements all divine, and and Where is no ground beginning, midst not fine and w

I. Sylugger: Francis a single with D trust lesse state of earthly things, and slipper hope Of mortall men, that swinke and worke for nougher

And

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And shooting wide, doth misse the marked scope. Now have I turnd (a lesson dearly bought) That nis on earth assurance to be sought.

A narrow roome our glory vaine vnties, A little circle doth our pride containe: Earth like an Ile amid the water lies, Which sea sometime is cald, sometime the maine. Yet nought therein resounds a name so great, It's but a lake, a pond, a marish street. Ed. Fairfax. Transt.

Our mother earth nere glories in her frute, Till by the sunne clad in her tinsell sute: Nor doth she euer stare him in the face, Till in her glorious armes she him imbrace. Which prouzs the hatha foule, sence, and delight, Of generation, feeling, appetite. M. Drayton.

To know our selues to come of humane birth, These sad afflictions crosse vs here on earth. A taske imposde by heavens eternall lawe, To keepe our rude rebellions well in awe. M. Drayton.

Next vnto him, malicious Enuie rode, Vpon a rauenous Wolfe, and still did chawe Betweene his cankred teeth a venomous tode, That all the poylon ranne about his jawe. But inwardly he chawed his owne mawe

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. At neighbours wealth, that made him euer said, For death it was when any good he sawe, And wept, that cause of weeping none he had, But when he heard of harme, he waxed wondrous glad. Ed. Spencer. The other held a snake with veriome fraught, On which the fed and gnawed hungerly: As if that long she had not eaten ought, That round about the lawes we might discry The bloody gore, and poylon dropping loathsomly. Her name was Envie, knowne well thereby, Whose nature is to greeue and grudge at all That she sees done praise worthily: Whose fight to her is greatest crosse may fall, And vexeth so, that makes her eatether gall: For when the wanteth other thing to eare, She feedes on her owne maw vnnaturall. And of her owne foule entrailes make her meate, Meate sit for such a monsters monstrous diet. Idem. I chaunced on a monstér of a man, With health heart sicke, sterued with store of foode, With riches poore, with beautie pale and wan, Wretched with happinesse, euil with good. One eye did envie at the th'other eie: Because the other enuide more then hee, His hands did fight for the first injurie, So Enuie enuide, enuide to be.

And as he went his tender foote was fore.

And enuide at the foote that went before.

The Bastard.

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This monfter honors hurt, is like the curre That barkes at strangers comming at the durre. But sparing alwaies those are to her knowne, To them most gentle, to the others throwne. This monster als is like a rauing cloude, Which threatens alwaies kindly Uulcan loude To smore and drowne him with her powring raine, Yet force of fire repels his force againe.

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Oft malice makes the mind to shed the boyled brine, And envies humor oft valades, by conduits of the eine,

A. M. T.W. has seen an appropriate of

Enuy lives with vs whilst our selves survive, But when we die, it is no more aliue.

Ch. Fitz Ieffry.

The knottie Oake and wainscot old, Within doth eate the filly worme, Euen so a mind in enuy cold, Alwaies within it selfe doth burne.

Idem.

Each sence may common subjects comprehend Things excellent the sensitive confound: The eye with light and colours may contend: The care endure the note of common found Both faile, when glorious beames and strokes abound: So Enuy that at meanest things beares spight, Stands mute at view of vnexspected height.

Th. Storer. --- Enuy harboureth most in feeblest brest, S. Phil. Sidney.

OF OVRENGLISH POETS.

Fell enuies cloud, still dimmeth vertues ray.

Ed. Spencer.

Foule enuie, thou the partiall judge of right,
Sonne of deceit, borne of that harlot hate:
Nursed in hell, a vile and vgly sprite,
Feeding on slaunder, cherisht with debate,
Neuer contented with thine owne estate:
Deeming alike, the wicked and the good,
Whose words be gall, whose actions end in blood.

M. Drayton.

Enuic doth cease, wanting to feed e voon.

Like as the poyze that would the palme represse.

Doth cause the bowes spread larger round about:

So spite and enuie causeth glory sprout,

And aye the more the top is ouertroad,

The deeper doth the same roote spread abroad.

M. of M.

Sicilian Tyrants yet did neuer finde

Then Enuie, greater torment of the minde.

Idem.

Our dayes are stampt in Enuies mint,
And this our age cast in the Iron mold,
Our hearts are hew'd out of Cancasean slint,
And two leau'd plates of brasse our brest enfold,
Hate waxeth yoong, the world thus waxing old,
And best we like them, that do vs love the least,
And least we love them, whom we should like best.
Ch. Fitz Geffrey.

Error.

---- His glistering armour made

By

A little glooming light, much like a shade: By which she saw the vgly monster plaine, Halfe like a serpent, horribly displaied, But th'other halfe did womans shape retaine, Most loathsome, filthy, foule, and full of vile disdaine. And as she lay vpon the dyrtic ground, Her huge long taile, her den all ouerspred, Yet was in knots, and many bouts vpwound: Pointed with mortallsting: of her there bred A thousand young ones, which she daily fed, Sucking vpon her poysoned dugges, each one Of fundrie shapes, yet all ill fauoured. Soone as the vncouth light vpon them shone, Into her mouth they crept, and suddenly were gone. Ed. Spencer. To erre is proper vnto men, and but brutish to persist. W. Warner. --- Errors are no errors, but by fare, For oft the euent makes foule faults fortunate. S. Daniell. --- Errors lest vapunisht, are profest, And being not defended, are opprest, Ch. Middleton. To heare good counsell, error neuer loues. D. Lodge --- Errors are hardly moued, '..... That love doth breed in an vnaduised brest. S. I. H. Transt. A stony coldnesse hath benumbde the sence, And lively spirits of each living wight, And dim'd with darknesse their intelligence,

Darkenes more then Cymerians day by night,

OF OVERENGLISH PUELS.

And monsters Error flying in the sire, Hath mar'd the face of all that seemeth faire. Ed. Spencer.

Faith.

Fidelia

Like sunny beames threw forth her christall face, That could have mazde the rar'st beholders sight, And roud about her head did shine like heavens light She was araied all in Lilly white, And in her right hand bare a Cup of Gold, With wine and water filld vp to the height. In which a serpent did himselfe infold, That horror made to all that did behold, But she nowhit did change her constant minde. And in herother hand, she full did hold, A booke that was both signd and seald with bloud. Ed. Spencer.

Faith sits triumphant on a coach of gold, Of Tuballs worke, where costly Saphires shine, Rich Diamonds, and many Rubies fine, Manie 1 And if ought else, the worke more costly hold, This glorious chariots rowling wheeles are like The holy wheeles the great Ezechiel lawe, For owne selfe spirit, selfe winde and will doth drawe, Their restesse courses equall both alike, The bird that led the Romaine standerds out The bird that fixed can oppose his eies, Against the greatest light in all the skies, High through the ayre drawes this rich Coach about. Faith flaunts it not in filter nor in gold. Nor Nor precious scarlet of the Tyrian die:

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Nor paints her face to hide deformitie, But as she is, she doth herselfe vnfolde, Her body that all bodies doth disgrace, Like Iunoes bird is full of watching eies, Whose holy glaunces pierce the lostie skies, Pierce the hie heavens, and see God face to face. She hath great store of flowing tongues to praise The Lord of hoastes: she hath most mightie wings, (Passing the swiftnes of all mortal things) That in a moment vp to heauen her raile, Her glorious head is compast with a crowne Normade of Olive, pine, or Lawrell bowe, Nor Parsly wreath which Græcians did allowe. Th'olympian gaimes for signalls of renowne, But of fresh Roses pluckt from honours tree, That neuer shrinke for winters chilling frost; Nor wither not when Titan hotely tostes, But by the Lord for ever watered bec. , received to the contract of the

I.Syl. Transli

Faith friendly porter of heavens Christall hold,
Conduct vs straight before the throne of gold:
Of Gods great grace, there prostrate on her knee.
Doth praier speake in name of all the three.

I.S. Transl.

What was the world before the world? or Godere he was
Why this he did, or doth not that, this bidde or forbod: God?
I dare not thinke, or arrogate such misteries divine,
Faith with her wits significant suffice these wits of mine:
To love God and our neighbours as our selfe is all in sinc.
W. Warner.

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Drawe thy forces all vnto thy hart,
The strongest fortresse of this earthly part:
And on these three, let thy assurance lie,
On faith, hope, and humilitie.

M. Drayton.

Faith is thy Fort, thy shield, thy stronger aide,
Neuer controll'd, nere yeelded, ne dismaide:
Which doth disate, vnfold, foretell, expresseth,
Which giues rewards, inuesteth and possesseth.

Idem.

Faith hath not onely power on things terrene
Both hie, and lowe, but oftentimes doth force
Gods instice too, and sometimes seemes perforce.
Gods purposes to change and alter cleane.

I. Syl.

The hardest things faith makes most possible.

Idem.:

That for good fruite, with weedes will still abound:

That the share and coulter idle lie,

That rives the share, and rootes the brambles bie.

Th. Hudson. Transl.

Adde faith vnto your force, and be not faint.

Onely faith doth instific say me of Gods free grace,

By Christ, nor faith is idle, but doth charitie embrace,

W. Warner.

Fame:

A monster swifter none is vnder sunne.

Encreasing as in waters we discrie.

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The circles small of nothing that begin, Which at the length, vnto such breadth do come, That of a drop which from the skies do fall, The circles spread, and hide the waters all. So Fame in flight encreasing more and more, For at the first, she is not scarcely knowne, But by and by the flits from thore to thore, To clouds from th'earth, her stature straight is growne There what soeuer by her trumpe is blowne, The found that both by sea and land out-flies, Rebounds againe, and verberates the skies: They say, the earth that first the Giants bred, For anger that the Gods did them dispatch, which is Brought forth this fifter of those monsters dead; Full light of foote, swift wings, the winds to catch, Such monster erst did nature neuer hatch. As many plumes she hath as top to toe, So many eyes them underneath or moe: 1741 And tongues do speake: so many eares do harke, By night tweene heauen she flies and earthly shade, And shreaking takes no quiet sleepe by darke, On houses roofes, or towers as keeper made, She fits by day, and cities threates to inuade, And as she tells what things she sees by view, She rather shewes that's fained falle, then true, I. H. Mir. of M.

Fame in a stoale of purple set with cies,
And eares, and tongues, caried a golden booke,
V pon the couer, this I sawe engrau'd.

Pauci quos aquus amauit Iupiter, aut ardeus euerit ad ethera virtus Dys geniti. G. Peele,

Fame

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS: Fame with golden wings aloft doth flie, when the Aboue the reach of ruinous decay, 2.0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 And with braue plumes doth beate the ayrie skie, Admir'd of base borne men, from far away. The Brazen Trompe of Iron winged fame, That mingleth truth with forged lies: E. Fairfax, Transl. Then came they to the foule and loathsome lake. Darke, deepe, and mirie, of a dreadfull hue, Where was the aged man that never stinted To carrie bundles of the names imprinted. This was the man, whom (as Itold before) Nature and custome so swift of foote had made, He neuer rested, but ran euermore. And with his comming he did vie this trade: A heape of names within his cloake he bare, And in the River did them all volade: Or to (fay truth) away he cast them all, Into this streame which Lathe we do call. This prodigall old wrerch no sooner came Vntothis cursed rivers barren banke, But desperately without all feare of blame, Or caring to deferue reward or thanke, He hurl'd therein full many a precious name, Where millions soone into the bottome sanke: Hardly in euery thousand one was found, That was not in the gulfe quite lost and dround: Yet all about great store of birds there flew, As vultures, carren crowes, and chartering pies, And many moe of fundrie kinds and hew, Making

THE CHOTSEST FLOWERS Making leaude harmonie with their loude cries, These when the carelesse wtetch the treasure threw Into the streame, did all they could deuise, What with their tallents some, and some with beake. To saue these names, but find themselues too weake. For euer as they thought themselues to raise, del'a To beare away those names of good renowne, The waight of them, so heavie downeward waies, They in the streame were driven to cast them downed Onely two swans sustain'd so great a paize In spight of him that sought them all to drowne, These two did still take up whose names they list, of And bare them fafe away, and never mist. Sometime all under the foule lake they dived, And tooke vp some that were with water couered: And those that seem'd condemned, they reprined. And often as about the banke they houered, was A They caught them, ere they to the streame arrived, Then went they with the names they had recourred, Vp to a hill that stood the water nie, men in the On which a stately Church was built on hie. This place is facred to immortall fame, And euermore a Nimph stands at the gate, And tooke the names where with the two swans came, Whether they early come, or whether late. Then all about the Church she hang'd the same, Before that sacred Image in such rate, As they might then well be affur'd for evers Spight of that wretch, in safetie to perseuer. S. I. Harr. Transl.

Fame

Fame on his right hand in a roabe of gold, Whose stately traine, Time as her page did beare: On which for rich imbroydery was enrold, The deeds of all the Worthies ever were: So strongly wrought as wrong could not impaire, Whole-large memorialls she did still reherse, In Poets man-immortallizing verse. Two tablets on her goodly brest she bore, The one of Christall, the other Ebonie, Engrau'd with names of all that liu'd before That; the faire booke of heavenly memorie: Th'other, the base scrowle of Infamie. One stuft with Poets, Saints, and Conquerors, Th'other, with Atheists, Tyrants, Viurers, And in her word appeared as a wonder, Her daring force, and neuer failing might: Which softly spake farre off, as't were a thunder, And round about the world would take their flight, And bring the most obscured things to light. That still the farther off, the greater still, Did euer sound our good, or make our ill. . One M. Drayton. Her dwelling is betwixt the earth and skies, Her Turret vnto heauen her top vpreares: The windowes made of Lynceus piercing eies, And all the walles be made of daintiest eares. Where every thing that's done in earth appeares. No word is whispered in this vaultie round; But in heripallace straitwaies it doth found: The rafters, trumpets which do rend the aire, The sense by Michael ex

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Sounding aloud each name that thither comes.

The chinkes like tongues of all things talking heere, And all things past, in memorie do beare.

The doores valocke with every word man sith, And opens wide with every little breath.

It's hung about with armes and conquering spoiles, The pillers which support the roofe of this, Are trophies graven with Herculean toiles.

The roofe of garlands, crownes, and ensignes is:

In midst of which a Christall Pyramis, All over caru'd with men of most renowne, Whose base is her faire chaire, the spire her crowne.

Idem.

and row ----Fame to waster of Refuge of hapo, the harbinger of truth; we have he Hand-mayd of heaven, vertues skilfull guide, The life of life, the ages springing youth: in a same Tryumphroficy, eternities faire bride; in house to The virgins glory, and the martyrs pride. gold boar The courages immortall railing fire, and sold little and The very height to which great thoughts aspires The staire by which men to the starres do clime: The minds first mouer greatnes to expresses it Faiths armour, and the wanquisher of times are I A pleasant sweet against deaths bitternesse, sain of T The hie-reward which doth all labours bleffe: le buse The studie which doch heavenly things impart. The iny amidst the tedious wailes of art. Learnings gizzene lawrell, Instice glorious throne, The Poets life, the gods companion, The fire reniuing Phanix lun-nurst brood.

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raiery body hath a thousand wings: in the flicar the

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And here and there with every wind she slings:

Nothing so secret but to her appeareth,

And apt to credit every thing she heareth.

Foule babling, tell tale, secrets soone bewraier,

The aire bred Eccho, the speaker of lies:

Shrill-sounding trompet, truths vinkind betraier.

False larum-bell, awaking dead mens eies.

Fond practing parrat telling all thou hearest,

Oft furthest off, when as thou shoulds be nearest.

M. Drayton.

The path is set with danger; leads to same, to a service When Minos did the Grecians flight denie,

He made him wings and mounted through the skie.

Idem. 10114 10114 10114 10114 10114 10114

Still same wil grow if once abroad it slie, who was a will be a troth, or be a lie.

Fame doth explore what lies most secret hidden,
Entring the closet of the pallace dweller,
A broad reuealing what is forbidden,
Of truth and falshood both an equal teller,
Tis not a guard can serue for to expell her:
The sword of iustice cannot cut her wings,
Nor stoppe her mouth from vetering secret things.

Celestiall goddesse euer-liuing fame,

Minernaes daughter by faire Maias sonne,

Of all th'inhabitants of heauens faire frame:

Most highly honored since the world begunne,

And shall be till the fatall glasse be runnesse was soules sweetseeit, she healths restorative:

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OF OYK ENGLISH PUETS.

Iearts cordiall, the minds preservative.

Goddesse of thoughts, muse animating appetite,

Aulter of honour, simple of renowne,

thrine of deuotion, yeelding art her merite:

ifes richest treasure, vertues gorgious gowne,

Ieauens best abiliment, Ariadnes crowne.

The Cynosura of the purest thought,

aire Helice, by whom the heart is taught.

Ch. Fitz Ieffrey.

Famine.

k grissy shape of Famine might we see, Vith greedy lookes and gaping mouth that cride and would torment as the should there have dide: Ier body thin and bare as any bone, Vhereto was left nought but the case alone: Ind that alas was gnawne on euery where, Ill full of holes, that I ne mought refraine rom teares to see how she her armes could teare, and with her teeth gnash on her bones in vaine, Vhen all for nought the faine would to fustaine Ier staruen corps, that rather seem'd a shade, Then any substance of a creature made. ireat was her force, whom stone walles could not stay, Ier tearing nayles snatching at all she sawe: Vith gaping lawes, that by no meanes ymay e satisfied from hunger of her mawe, ut cates her selfe, as she that hath no lawe: inawing alas her carkas all in vaine, Vhile you may count each sinew, bone and vaine: In her, while we thus firmly fixt our cie; That 30 THE CHOIDEDT PLOYFERD

That bled for ruth of such a drery fight,
Lo suddenly she shrikte in so huge wise,
As made hell gates to shiner with the might:
Where with a dart we sawe how it did light
Right on his brest, and therewithall pale death
Enthrilling it, to reaue her of her breath.

M. Sackuile.

Meane cates are welcome still to hungry guests.

B. Iola.

Fancie.

Fancie we feele includes all passions might.

S. Phil, Sydney.

Fancie by kind, with reason striueth still.

Th. Watson.

--- Vid. loue

Fate.

What God hath said, that cannot but ensue,
Though all the world would haue it ouerthrowne:
When men suppose by fetches of their owne
To flie their Fate, they surther on the same,
Like blasts of winde, which oft reviue the slame,

M. of M.

The heavens do rule in their continuall course, That yeelds to Fate, that doth not yeeld to force.

M. Drayton.

Chaunce is vncertaine, fortune double faced, Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Demogorgon ruler of the Fates,

R. Greene.

----The Fates can make

Day

OVK ENGLISH POETS. Waie for themselues, their purpose to pertake. Ed. Spencer. ---- What the Fates do once decree, -- zz Not all the gods can chaunge, nor loue himself can free. Idem. --- The lawes of Fate Being grau'n in steele, must stand inuiolate. Th. Dekkar. Who can escape what his owne Fate hath wrought, The work of heavens wil, surpasse all humane thought. Ed. Spencer. -Who can deceiue his destenie? Or weene by warning to audidhis Fate? That when he sleepes in more securitie And safest seemes, him somest dothamate, And findeth due effect, of foone or late So seeble is the power of stessily arme. Idem. ---- Indeed the Fates are firme, And may not shrinke though all the word do shakes Yet ought mens good endeupurs them confirme, And guide the heavenly causes to their costant terme. Idem. Each man they say his Fate hathin his hands, And what he makes or marrento leele or faue, will Of good or cuil, is euen selse do, selse haue, Range I.H.M.ofAA.? The Fates farre offsforeseene come gently neare. M. Drayton, The Name of the same Our Face is not preuented though fore-knowner with For that must hap decreed by heavenly powers, Who worke our fall, yet make the fault still ours. S. Daniell. Face

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- Faterali 201 - Fate Keeps in eternall darke our fortunes hidden, And ere they come to know them, is forbidden. Idem. 12, 2 12, 2121

All men are men in ignorance of Fate, To alter chance, exceedeth humane state. I. Markham.

The heavens do rule in their continuall course, That yeelds to Fate, that doth not yeeld to force. M.Drayton.

Feare.

----Feare all arm'd from top to toe, Yet thought himselfe not safe enough thereby, But fear'd each shadow mouing too and fro, And his owne armes whom glillering he did spie, Or clashing heard, he fast away did flie As ashes pale of hew, and winghie heeld, And euermore on danger fixt his cie, Gainst whom he alwaies bent a brazen sheeld, Which his right hand vnarmed faithfully did weeld. Ed. Spencer.

Who so for fickle feare from vertue shrinkes, Shall in his life imbrace no worthy thing, No mortall man the cup of suretie drinkes.

S. Phil. Sid.

Feare is more paine then is the paine it feares, Disarming humane minds of native might: Where each conceit an vgly figure beares, Which were not cuil well viewd in reasons light. Jan Idem.

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The gift being great, the feare doth still exceed, And extreame feare can neither fight nor flie, But cowardlike with trembling terror die.

W. Shakespeare.

The feare of ill, exceeds the ill we feare.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Feare lendeth wings to aged folke to flie,

And made them mount to places that were hie.

Feare made the wofull child to waile and weepe,

For want of speed, on foote and hands to creepe.

Th. Hudson. Transl.

Feare that is wifer then the truth dothill.

S, D.

Feare casts too deepe, and neuer is too wise.

In vaine with terror is he fortified,

That is not guarded with firme loue beside.

Idem.

A fearefull thing to tumble from a throne.

M. Drayton.

Where crowned might, & crossed right so near togither dwel Behoues that forrest flying feare whereof the Foxe doth tel, Our factious Lancaster Yorke, therof could witnes wel.

VV.Warner.

Thunder affrights the Infants in the schooles,
And threatnings are the conquerors of fooles.

I. Markham.

Whom scare constraines to praise their Princes deeds,

That feare eternall, harred in them feeds. R. Greene. Feare missinterprets things, each angury The worser way he fondly doth imply. Weaknes is falle, and faith in cowards rare, as held all Feare findes out shifts, timitidie is subtill. . "S. Daniell. __ gain froben and Tis incident to those whom many feare, Many to them more greenous hate to beare M. Drayton, 10,5-20 ----He whom all men feare, Feareth all men enery where: (Hate inforcing them thereto) Maketh many vndertake Many things they would not do. Th. Kyd. The only good that growes of passed feare, Is to be wife, and ware of like againe. Ed. Spencer. A man to feare a womans moodie eire, a grant and Makes reason lie assaue to servile feare. S. Ph. Sydney. Nothing seene searefull, we the most should seare, Great amistes rise before the greatest raine: The water deep'st, where we least murmure heare, In sairest Cups mentemper deadliest baine. The nearer night, the ayre more cleare and still, The nearer to one deaths, least fearing ill. M. Drayton. --- Bloodlesse, trustlesse, witheste feare, That like an Aspentice, trembles each where, She leads blacke terror, and blacke clownish shame, And

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And drowlie floth that counterfeiteth lame,
With snailelike motion measuring the ground.
Foule sluggish drone, barren (but sinne to breed).
Diseased begger, steru'd with wilfull need.

I. S. Transl.

The feare of euill doth affright vs more, Then th'euill it selfe, though it seeme nere so sore.

Fortitude.

Rich buskind Seneca, that did declaime
And first in Rome our tragicke pompe compile,
Saith Fortitude is that, which in extreame,
And certaine hazard all base feare exile.
It guides saith he, the noble minde from farre,
Through frost and fire, to conquer honours warre.

I. Markham.

Honey tong'd Tully Marmaid of our eares,
Affirmes, no force can force true Fortitude:
It with out bodies no communion beares.
The soule and spirit, soly it doth include.
It is that part of honestie, which reares
The heart to heaven, and ever doth obtrude,
Faint feare and doubt, still taking his delight
In perills, which exceed all perils might.
Patience, perseverance, greatnes, and strong trust,
These Pages are to Fortitude their King:
Patience that suffers, and esteemeth just,

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What ever we for vertue fortunes brine.

Perseverance holds constant what we must,

Greatnes that effects the guilded thing,

And armed trust which never can dispaire,

And hopes good happe how ever fatall deare.

Idem.

The man that hath of Fortitude and might,
And thereto hath a Kingdome voyd withall,
Except he also guide himselfe aright,
His power and strength prevaileth but a small,
He cannot scape at length, an haplesse fall.

1. H. M. of M.

The Romaine Sergius having lost his hand,
Slew with one hand foure in a single fight,
A thing all reason ever did withstand,
But that bright Fortitude spreads forth her light.
Pompey by shore held from th'Italian Land,
And all his saylors quaking in his sight,
First hoysed sailes, and cried amidst the strife,
Ther's need I goe, no need to save my life.

I. Markeham.

Force without wisedome, is of little worth.

G. Gascoigne.

Greater force there needs to maintain wrog the right.

Ed. Spencer.

Agis that guilt the Lacedemonstreete,
Entending one day battaile with his foes,
By counsell was repeld as thing vnmeete,
The enemie being ten to one in shoes,
But he replied, tis needfull that his feete
With many heads, should lead to many blowes.

And

And one being good, an armie is for ten:

Foes to Religion, and knowne naughtie men,

To him that told Dineceus how his foes

Couered the sunne with darts and armed speares.

He made replie, thy newes is ioy in woes,

Wee'le in the shadow fight, and conquer foes,

I. Markham,

Is the iust act of a true noble will:
So to contemne it, and her hopes exclude
Is basenesse, rashnesse, and no Fortitude.

Idem.

Rash Isadas the Lacedemon Lord,
That naked sought against the Theban power,
Although they chain d his valour by a cord,
Yet was he finde for rashnes in that hower.
And those which most his carelesse praise afford,
Did most condemne what folly did deuoure:
For in attempting, prowesse is not ment,
But wisely doing what we do attempt.

Idem.

Felicitie.

O had Felicitic feeling of woe?
Or could on meane but moderately feede?
Or would looke downe the way that he must goe?
Or could abstaine from what diseases breede?
To stop the wound before to death it bleede?
Warre should not fill Kings pallaces with mone,
Nor perill come, when tis least thought vpon.

M. Drayton,

Folly,

Folly. Fooles.

Folly in youth is sinne, in age is madnes. S. Daniel.

A greater signe of Folly is not showne, Then trusting others force, distrust our owne:

S. I. Harr. Transl.

--- Wicked men repine their sinnes to heare, And Folly flings, if counsell touch him neare.

D. Lodge.

Faire fooles delight to be accounted wise. Ch. Marlowe.

Fooles will find fault without the cause discerning, And argue most of that they have no learning.

S, I. Harr, Transl.

---- There is a method, time, and place, Which fooles obseruing do comence, ere wise me haue W. Warner. (their grace.

Tis better be a foole then be a foxe, For Folly is rewarded and respected, Where subtiltie is hated and rejected.

D. Lodge.

--- The foolish commmons vse Obey them most, who doth them most abuse.

S. I. Harrington. P. St. Commission of

A witlesse foole may every man him gesse; That leaves the more, and takes him to the lesse.

G. Gascoigne,

Flatterer:

---- Foule leasings and vile flatterie, Two filthy blots in noble genterie. Ed. Sp. When as we finely foothe our owne defires, Our best conceits do proue the greatest liers. M. Drayton.

Nere was pretence so foule, but some would flatter it, Norany thing so pestilent, as misapplied wit.

W. Warner.

To be officious, getteth friends, plaine dealing hated is Yet better plainly to reproue, then fainedly to kis! We cannot also loue our friends, & Flatter their amis.

Idem. Ideni

. -20 Flattery can neuer want rewards.

D. Lodge.

He twice offends, who sinne in flattery beares, Yet cuery houre he dies, who cuer feares.

D. Lodge.

The Lords & Ladies ouerrent, and cunningly the fine, The Parasité doth ouerreach, and bears away the gain.

W. Warner.

Yee sonnes of crast bearing as many faces, As Proteus, takes among the marine places, And force your natures all the best you can, To counterseit the grace of some great man Chamelion like, who takes him in each hew, Of blacke or white, or yellow, greene, or blew, That comes him next, so you that finde the fashion To hurt the poore, with many a great taxation, You that do prease to have the princes care, To make your names in provinces appeare, Ye subrill Thurins sell your fumilh winde To wicked wights, whose sences ye do blinde. in the sois const Hud fon. Transl.

Time

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Fortune.

Fortune as blinde as he whom she doth lead, Her feature chaung'd each minute of the houre, Her riggish feete fantastickly would tread: Now would she smile, and suddenly would lowre, And with one breath, her words are sweete and sowre. Vpon her foes she amorously doth glaunce, And on her followers coyly looke as kaunce, About her necke (it seem'd as for a chaine) Some Princes crownes and broken scepters hung. Vpon her arme a lazie youth did leane, Which scornfully vnto the ground she flung And with a wanton grace passing alone, Great bags of gold from out her bosome drew, And to base Pesants and fond Idiots threw. A duskie vale which hid her sightlesle-eies Like cloudes, which couer our vncertaine lives, Painted about with bloodie Tragedies, Fooles wearing crowns and wife men clog din gives. Now

P. Lond

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Now how the gives againe, how the deprives : In this blacke map this she her might discouers, In Camps and Courts, on souldiers, and on louers.

M. Drayton.

A hap, a chaunce, a casuall euent, The vulgars Idoll, and a childishiterror:

A what man will, a filly accident

The maske of blindnesse, and disguise of errors

Natures vile nickname, follies foolish mirror:

A terme, a by-word, by tradition learn'd,

A hearlay, nothing not to be discernd,

A wanton feare, a filly Infants dreame,

A vaine illusion, a meere fantasie:

A seeming shade, a lunaticke mans dreame.

A fond Aenigma, a flat heresie.

Imaginations doting emperic.

A folly in it selfe, it one selfe loathing,

A thing that would be, and yet can be nothing.

Disease of time, ambitions concubine:

A minde intrancing snare, a slippery vce,

The bait of death, destructions heady wine:

Vaine-glories patron, the fooles paradice.

Fond hope wherewith confusion doth intice.

A vile seducing fiend, which haunts men still,

To loose them in the errors of their will:

O fortune the great Amorite of kings, Opinions breath, thou Epicurian aire: Invention of mans soule, tallest of things, A step beyond our judgement, and a staire

Higher then men can reach with reasons wings.

Thou

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Thou blindfold Archeresse, thou that wilt not heare: Thou foe to persons, manners, times and all, That raisest worthlesse, while the worthiest fall.

I. Markham.

Ah fortune, nurse of sooles, poyson of hope,
Fuell of vaine desires, deserts destruction.
Supposed soueraigne, through our vaine construction.
Princes of Paganisme, roote of impictie,
Diuell on earth, masked in pietie.
Scorne of the learned, follies elder scholler,
Bastard of time, begot by vaine opinion:
Against thy power, a pecuish proud resister.
Mother of lies, and with sle of sllusion:
Lampe of vain-glory, double faced shroe,
Who smiles at first, successfull, ends in woe.

D. Lodge.

Who wins her grace, must with atchinements wo her,
As she is blind, so never had she cares,
Nor must with puling cloquence go to her:
She vinderstands not sighes, she heares not praiers.
Flattered she slies; controld she cuer feares.
And though a while she nicely do for sake it,
She is a woman, and at length will take it.
Nor ever let him dreame once of a crowne,
For one bad cast that will give up his game,
And though by ill hap he be overthrowne,
Yet let him manage her till she be tame.

M. Drayton.

Fortune the folly is, and plague of those Which to the world their wretched will dispose.

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All flesh is fraile and full of ficklenesse, lubiect to focunes charme, still changing new, What haps to day to me, to morrow may to you.

Ed. Spencer.

fortune the foe to famous chieuisance, ildome or neuer yeelds to vertue aide: lut in her way throwes mischiefe and mischance, Whereby her course is slopt, and passage laide. Idens.

Locke Gods they are, and many Gods induce, Vho fortune faine to father there abuse.

M. of M.

----In vaine do men he heavens of there fortunes fault accuse, rth they know best what is the best for them, or they to each such fortune do diffuse, s they do know each can most aptly vie: or not that which men couet most is best, or that thing worst which men do most resule. ut fittest is, that all contented rest ith that they hold: each hath his fortune in his brest Ed. Spencer.

o fortune is so bad, our selves ne frame here is no chance at all hath vs preseru'd. here is no fate whom we have need to blame: here is no desteny but is deseru'd: o lucke that leaves vs safe, or vnpreseru'd. t vs not then complaine of fortunes skill, rall our good descends from Gods good will, nd of our lewdnesse, springeth all our ill.

Mi. of M.

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No sooner rise, but ready are to fall.

D. Lodge.

Looke how much higher fortune doth creet The climing wight on her vnstable wheele: So much the nigher may a man expect To see his head where late he sawe his heele. Policrates hath prou'd it in effect, And Dyonisius that too true did seele Who long were luld on hie in fortunes lap: And fell downe suddenly to great mishap. On th'other side, the more man is oppressed And vtterly ouerthrowne by fortunes lowre, The sooner comes his state to be redressed, When wheele hall turn and bring the happie howre. Some from the Blocke haue growne to be so blessed. Whole realmes haue bene subuerted to their powre. As Marius and Ventidius sample is, In former age, and Lewes of France in this. S.I. Harr. Transl.

Doth linke the tops of highest reared towers,
So doth the force of froward fortune strike
The wight the highest sits in haughtie state.

G. Gascoigne.

----So wills the wanton queene of chance,

That each man trace this Labyrinth of life:

With slippery steps now wrongd by fortune strange,

Now drawne by counsell from the maze of strike.

D. Lodge.

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We all are proud when fortune fauours vs,

As if inconstant chaunce were alwaies one:

Or standing now, she would continue thus,

O fooles looke backe, and see the rolling stone

Whereon she blindly lighting sets her foote,

And slightly sowes, that sildome taketh roote.

Th. Kyd.

Fortune the first and last that gouernes states.

I. Markham.

The blind-fold miltresse of vncertaine chaunge.

D. Lodge.

The wayward lady of this wicked world.

Idem.

Blind fortune faileth mighty ones,& meaner doth aduance.
W. Warner.

Blind fortune findeth none so fit to flout

As Suresby fotts, which cast no kind of doubt.

M. of M.

----Fortuné cannot raise

Any one aloft without some others wracke, Flouds drowne no fields vnlesse they finde a bracke,

Idem.

Where power dwelles and riches rest,

False fortune is a comely guest.

E. of S.

Think fortune newly hatcht is fledge, & waggeth wing to flie All suffer chage, our setnes new born, eneu then begin to die. VV. VV arner.

The man that fortune at commaund will keepe.

M. Drayton.

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THE CHOISTS! THOMENS

There never yet was Emperour or King, Could boast that he had fortune in a string.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Chiefly in warres, that are by chaunce directed.

Idem.

Wherefoeuer fortune her bountie will bestow,
There heaven and earth must pay what she doth owe.

M. of M.

The man whose thoughts to fortunes height aspires, Were better die then liue in lowe desires.

Tb. Acheliy,

Admit thou hadst Pactolian waves to land thee gold at will, Know Crasus did to Cyrus kneele, and thou maist speed as ik. W. Warner. (will,

Attempt not things beyond thy reach, ione fortune to thy
Least Phebus chaire do els surcharge rash Phaethon bis skill
Idem.

If fortune help who thou woldst hurt fret not at it the more, When Aiax storm'd, then from him the prize Visses bore.

Idem.

Good fortune drawes from heauen her descent,
Making hie Ione the roote of her large tree:
She showes from him how many Godheads went,
Archangels, Angels, heauens posteritie,
From thence she showes the glorious thrid she lent,
To Monarkes, Emperours and Kings in see.
Annexing as collateralls to her love,
Honour, vertue, valour and endlesse time.
Nathelesse ill fortune will be elder borne.
She saith she springs from Saturne, Iones verongd syre,
And

And heaven and earth, and hell, her coate have borne Fresh bleeding hearts within a field of fyre:

All that the world admires the makes her scorne,

Who farthest seemes, is to ill fortune neere.

And that sust proofe may her great praise commend,

All that good chaunce begins, ill chaunce doth end.

I. Markham.

Ill fortune is attended by reproach,
Good fortune same and vertue stellisies.

Idem.

That hidden lies, vnwares him to surprise:
Misfortune waits aduantage to entrappe
The man most wary, in her whelming sappe.

Ed. Spencer.

The fortune that misfortune doth affoord,

Is for to line and die vinfortunate.

Th. Achelly.

Missortune solloweth him that tempteth sortune.

Ch. Fitz leffrey.

Friendship. Friends.

The naturall affection soone doth cease,
And quenched is with Capids greater flame:
But faithfull friendship doth them both suppresse:
And them with maissing discipline doth same
Through thoughts aspiring, to eternall fame.

Ed. Spencer.

In friendship, soueraigne 'tis as Muthridate,'
The friend to love as one whom they are in the

Thy friend to loue, as one whom thou main hate.

M. of M.

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Ne certes can that friendship long endure,
How ever gay and goodly be the style,
That doth ill cause or evill endendure,
For vertue is the band which bindeth hearts most sure,
Ed. Spencer.

But of occasion, with the occasion ends,
And friendship which a faint affection breeds,
Without regard of good, lies like ill grounded seed.

Ed. Spencer.

With vertue chuse thy sriend, with vertue him retaine, Let vertue be the ground, so shall it not be vaine. S. Th. VViat.

Try frends by touch, a feeble fred may proue thy strogest foe: Great Pompeys head to Cæsars hand, it was betraied so. UU. UU arner.

In perfect friendship no suspect, for two in one are all, Communitie, or doubling toy, or making griefe more small. Idem.

The truest friendship in miserie is tride,
For then will none but faithfull friend; abide,

G. Turbernile.

Right true it is, and said full yore agoe,

Take heed of him that by the backe thee claweth,

For none is worse, then is the friendly soc,

Though thee seeme good all things y thee delighteth:

Yet know it well, that in thy bosome creepeth,

For many a man such fiers oft times hee kindleth,

That with the blaze his beard himselfe he singeth.

E. of Surrey.

OF OFR ENGLISH POETS. None can deeme right who faithfull friends do rest, While they beare sway and rule in hie degree: For then both fast and fained friends are prest. Whole faiths seeme both of one effect to bee. But then revolts the first and fained guest, When wealth vnwindes and fortune seemes to flie, But he that loues indeed, remaineth fast, And loues and serves when life and all is past. S. I. Harr. Transl. Ost times we see in house of meane estate, In fortunes bad, and chances ouerthwart: That men do sooner laie away debate, And joyne in found accord with hand and hare, Then Princes courts, where riches genders hate: And vile suspect that louing minds doth part, Where charitie is cleane consumde and vanished, And friendship sirme, is quite cast our and barished.

Idem.
Who so wants friends to backe what he begins,
In lands farre off, gets not, although he wins.

S. Daniell.

If fortune friendly fawne, and lend thee wealthy store,
Thy frends conjoined joy, doth make thy joy the more
If frowardly she frowne, and driueth to distresse:
His aide releeues thy ruth, and makes thy solace lesse.
S. Th. Wist.

They are not alwaies surest friends on who we most do w. VVarner. (spend.

True friends have feeling of each others wo. And when ones hart is sad, all theirs is so. Ch. Middleion.

isaateton. A golden A golden treasure is the tried friend, But who may gold from counterfeits defend? Trust not to soone, nor yet to soone mistrust, Withsh'one thy selfe, with th'other thy friend thou Who twines betwixt, & stears the golde mean, (hurtit, Norrashly loueth, nor mistrusts in vaine.

Mir. of M.

--- Friends are geason now a daies, And growe to fume before they talte the fier: A quersitie beteauing mans auailes, They flie like feathers dally ing in the winde. They rife like bubbles in a stormy raine, Swelling in words, and flying faith and deeds. D. Lodge.

Faint friends when they fall out, most cruel foemen be. Ed. Spencer.

Better a new friend, then an old foe is said. Idens.

Frugalitie.

He that will thrive, must thinke no courses vile. B. Johnson.

No hurt but good (who meanes to multiplie) Bought wit is deare, and drest with sower sauce, Repentance comes too late, and then fay I, Who spares the first, and keepes the last vnspent, Shall find that sparing yeelds a goodly rent. G. Gafgoigne.

Let first thine owne handhold fast all that comes, But let the other learne his letting flic:

Idens.

Furie.

With thouland cannons, sooner felt then seene,
Where weakest, strongest, fraught with deadly teene,
Blind, crooked, blisserd, melancholy, sad,
Many-nam'd poylon, minister of death,
Which from vs creepes, but to vs gallopeth.
Foule, trouble rest, phantasticke, greedy-gut,
Bloud-sweating, hearts-theese, wretched, filthy-slut
The childe of surfait and aires-temper vicious,
Perillous knowne, but vnknowne most pernicious.

I. Sylvister.

That vnto Knighthood workes much shame and woe, And that same hag, his aged mother hight, Occasion, the roote of all wrath and dispight. With her, who so will raging Furie tame, Must first begin, and welther amenage, First her restraine from her reproachfull blame And euill meanes, with which she doth enrage Her franticke sonne, and kindles his courage, Then when she is withdrawne, or strong withstood, Is eath his Idle Furie to asswage,

And calme this tempest of his passion wood,
The bankes are ouesslowne, when so species the flood.

Ed, Spencer.

Furie was red with rage, his eyes did glowe,
While flakes of fier from forth his mouth did flowe
His hands and armes y bath'd in bloud of those
Whom fortune, sinne, or fate made countries soes.

T. Lodge.

This

--- This fell fury, for forerunner sends Manie and phrenzie, to subborne her frends, Whereof the one drying, th'other ouerwarming. The seeble brain (the edge of judgement harming) Within the soule phantastickly they faine, A confus'd hoast of Arange Chimeraes vaine, I. Sylvister.

Tis wisedome to giue much, a Gist preuailes, When deepe perswading Oratorie failes. Cb. Marlowe.

A giving hand though foule, shall have faire praise. S. Daniell.

--- The greatest Gifts whereof we boast, Are those which do attempt and tire vs most.

T. Lodge.

--- Onely wisedome graue, and judgements elecre, Gifts giu'n from heauen, that are not common heere. S. I. H. Transl.

Goods Gists are often giuen to men past good. G. Chapman.

Good Gifts abus'd, to mans confusion turne. Tb. Dekkar!

Testators and Executors so gine and so receaue, As doubtful whethers ioy or griefe, is more to take or lease For as do hogs their trophs to houds, so these give & get place Death not the Dier gines bequests, and ther fore but grave (gracea W. Warner.

To loiter well deserved Gifts, is not to give but selt, When to requite ingratitude, were to do enill well. idem.

Gentlenesse.

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Gentlenesse.

The gentle minde by gentle deeds is knowne,

For a man by nothing is so well bewraide,

As by his maners, in which plaine is showne,

Of what degree, and what race he is growne,

Ed. Spencer.

Swecte gentlenesse is Bewties waiting maide.

Th. UVaison.

Relenting thoughts, remotie, and pittie rests.

Ch. Marlowe.

All like as Phabus, with his chearefull beames, Doth freshly force the fragrant flowers to flourish, So gentle rulers subjects love do nourish.

I. H. Mir. of M.

Like as the gentle heart it selfe bewraies,
In doing gentle deeds with francke delight:
Euen so the baser minde it selfe displaies,
In canckered malice, and reuenge for spight.

W. Shake speare.

O what an easie thing is't to discrie
The gentle bloud, how euer it be wrapt,
In sad missortunes soule desormitie
And wretched sorrowes which have often hapt.
For howsoever it may grow mishapt,
That to all vertue it may seeme vnapt,
Yet will it shew some sparkes of gentle minde,
And at the last, breake forthin his owne proper kinde.

Ed. Spencer.

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Gentrie.

Of vertuous life, not in the fleshly line, For bloud is knit, but Gentrie is diuine.

I.H. M. of M.

Aboue cognizance or armes, or pedigree farre, An vnspotted coate, is like a blazing starre,

G. Gascoigne.

Kind Amalthea was transformed by Ione,
Into his sparkling pauement, for his love,
Though but a goate, and giving him her milke,
Bazenes is flinty Gentrie, soft as silke.
In heaven she lives, and rules a living signe
In humane bodies: yet not so divine,
That she can worke her kindnes in our hearts.

G. Chapman.

The true Gentilitie by their owne armes

Aduance themselues, the falls by others harmes.

Th. Bastard.

Gluttonie.

Deformed creature, on a filthy swine:
His belly was vpblowen with luxurie,
And eke with fatnes, swollen were his eine.
And like a Crane, his necke was long and fine,
With which he swallowed vp excessive feast,
For want of which, poore people oft did pine,
And all the way most like a brutish swine,
He spued vp his gorge, that all did him detest,
Ed. Spencer.

Fat paunches haue leane pates, and daintie bits Make rich the ribs, but bankrout quite the wits.

W. Shakespeare.

Your appetites O gluttons to content,
The facted breast of Thetis blew, is rent:
The aire must be dispeopled for your mawes,
The Phænix sole can scarce escape your clawes.
Th. Hudson. Transl.

Of little nature lives, superfluous meate
But dulls the spirit, and doth the stomacke freate.

Who sareth finest, doth but seed, and over feedeth oft, Who sleepeth softest doth but sleep, and sometimes over soft.

VV. vvarner.

--- Excesse doth worke accesse to sinne.

O plague, O poyson to the warlike state,
Thou mak'st the noble hearts esseminate,
While Rome was rul'd by Curioes and Fabrices,
Who sed on rootes, and sought not for delices.
And when the onely Cressons was the soode,
Most delicate to Persia then they stoode
In happiestate, renown'd in peace and warre,
And through the world their triumphs spread a farre.
But when they after in th'Assirian hall,
Had heard the lessons of Sardanopall,
And when the other given to belly-cheare,
By Galbaes, Neroes, Vitels govern'd were,
Who gloried more to fill a costly plate,
Then kill a Purrhus or a Mithridate.

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Then both of them were seene for to be sacked

By nations poore, whom they before had wracked.

Th. Hudson. Transl.

O glutton throates, O greedie guts profound,
The chosen meates which in the world his bound,
By th' Abderois invented, may not stanch
Nor satisfie your foule devouring panch,
But must in Moluke seeke the spices sine,
Canary suger, and the Candy wine.

Idem.

Kils not the wit, quels not the mindes estates.
But satnes by intemperance increast,
When living man resembleth loathsome beast:
And belly cheare with greedie gluttonie.
Is held the sulnesse of selicitie.
This maketh men addicted to the same,
Dull in conceit, grosse minded, worthy blame.
Of such do Basis, Galen, Plato write:
That fattest belly hath the weakest sprite.

D. Lodge.

That in thy rage doest trustie Circus smother,

By his deare friend: Panthea by his mother.

Phrenzie, that makes the vaunter insolent,

The talkefull blab, cruell and violent,

The fornicator waxe adulterous,

Th'adulterer to become incessuous,

With thy plagues leven, swelling all our crimes

Blinde, shamelesse, senselle, quenching oftentimes

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The soule within it selfe: and oft defames.
The holiest men, with execrable flames.

I. Siluester.

Like as the must beginning to reboyle,
Makes his new vessell wood-bands to recoyle:
Lists vp his lees, and spues with suming vent,
From this tubbes ground his scumming excrement.
So ruinist thou thy hoast, and soolishly
From his hearts bottome driu'st all secrecy. Idems.

Good name.

The voyce that goeth of your vnspotted fame, Is like a tender flowre, that with the blast Of every little winde doth fade away.

G. Gascoigne. Transl.

The purest treasure mortall times affoord, Is spotlesse reputation, that away, Men are but guilded trunkes, or painted clay.

W. Shakespeare.

You cannot be too curious of you name,
Fond show of ill (though still the mind be chaste)
Decaies the credit oft that Ladies had,
Sometimes the place presumes a wanton minde,
Repaire sometimes of some doth hurt their honour,
Sometimes the light and garish proud attire,
Perswades a yeelding bent of pleasing youthes.

G. Gascosme.

Goodnesse.

Where allare ripe to fall, and vertue spent.

S. Daniell.

Good

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Good things may scarce appeare, But passe away with speedie wing. M. Roydon.

Of God.

I am that one, is, was, and aye shall be, Who create all of nought, as pleaseth me: I can destroy, I am the great and just, The faire, the good, the holy one to trust: Whose strong right hand this world hath set in frame. I plague my foe, and graunt my servants grace, All those that knowledge me, and all their race.

Th. Hudson. Transl.

---- How soener things in likelyhood discent In birth, life, death, our God is first, the middle and event. And not what he can do he will, but what he will he can, And that he do or do it not, behoues vs not to scan.

UU. UVarner,

God first made Angels bodilesse pure mindes, Then other things, which mindlesse bee: Last he made man the Horizon twist both kindes In whom we do the worlds abridgement see.

I. Danies,

How fond is that man in his fantalie in the second Who thinkes that Ione the maker of vs all, The Sunne, the Moone, the Starres celestiall, So that no leafe without his leave can fall. Hath not in him omnipotence also, To guide and gouerne all things here below.

G. Gascoigne. Transl.

---- Heauen is his feate, Th'earth his footestoole, and the prison great.

Of Platoes raigne, where damned soules are shut, Is of his anger euermore the but.

I. Syluester. Transl.

----Full hardit is to read aright

Thesecret meaning of the eternall might:

That rules mans waies, and rules the thoughts of living Ed. Spencer. (wight.

The man of earth, sounds not the seas profound

Of Gods deepe judgements, where there is no ground

Let sobernesse be still thy wisedomes end,

Admiring that thou canst not comprehend.

I. Syluester. Tran.

Vnder his feete (subjected to his grace,
Sit nature, fortune, motion, time, and place.

Ed. Fairfax, Tran.

In the heavenly spirits to these creatures base,
That may compassion of their evils move?
There is: els much more wretched were the case
Of men, then beasts; but ô the exceeding grace
Of highest God, that loves his creature so:
And all his workes with mercy doth imbrace.
That blessed Angels he sends too and fro,

To serue to wicked man, to serue his wicked soe.

Ed. Spencer.
Our gracious God makes scant waight of displeasure,
And spreads his mercy without waight or measure,

. I. Syluester.

The eternall power that guides the earthly frame,

And serues him with the instrument of heaven:

To call the earth, and summon vp our shame:

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By an edict from everlasting given,
Forbids mortalitie to search the same.
Where sence is blind, and wit of wit bereaven:
Terror must be our knowledge, feare our skill,
To admire his worke, and tremble at his will.

S. Daniell.

In birth, life, death, our god is first, the middle & event:
And not what he can do he wil, but what he wil he can,
And that he do or do it not, behoves vs not to scan,
W. Warner.

God may all that he wills, his will is iust, God wills all good to them that in him trust.

The Hudson. Transl.

Where the Almighties lightening brand doth light.

It dimmes the daz'led eies, & daunts the sences quight.

Ed. Spencer.

--- The Gods are ever just,

Our faults excuse their rigour must.

The Lord law-maker inst and righteous,
Doth frame his lawes not for himselfe but vs:
He frees himselfe; and slies with his powers wing,
No where but where his holy will doth bring.
All that he doth is good; because it doth proceed
From him: that is the roote of good indeed
From him; that is the spring of righteousnesse:
From him, whose goodnesse nothing can expresse:

I. Sylvester.

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Dies not when breach the body first doth leave,
But from the gransire to the nephewes sonne,
And all his seed the curse doth often cleave,
Till vengeance viterly the guilt bereaue:
So straightly God doth judge.

Ed. Spencer.

There is no strength in armour, man or horse, Can vaile, If *lone* on wronged take remorse: For he on whom the deadly dart doth light, Can neuer scape by raunsome, friend nor flight.

I. Harr. Mir. of Mag.

Eternall prouidence exceeding thought,

Where none appeares, can make her selfe away.

Ed. Spencer.

If Gods can their owne excellence excell, lt's in pardoning mortalls that rebell.

M. Drayton.

God most doth punish, whom he most regardeth.
S. I. Harr. Transl.

lt is not strong deensive walls that any thing can saue.

UU, Warner.

---- God hath made a salue for every sore, If men would learne the same for to apply.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

Man purposeth, but all things are disposed By that great God that sits and rules aboue.

Idem,

What man is he that boasts of fleshly might, And vaine assurance of mortalitie?

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Which all so soone as it doth come to fight,
Against spiritual foes, yeelds by and by,
Or from the field most cowardly doth flye?
Ne let the man ascribe it to his skill,
That though grace hath gained victory.

If any sleight we haue it is to ill,
But all the good is Gods, both power and eke the will.

Ed. Spencer.

God neuer seekes by tryall of temptation, To sound man's heart and secret cogitation. For well he knowes man, and his eye doth see All thoughts of men, ere they conceaued bee.

I. Syluester, Transl.

----God

Conjoynes no lesse our willes then bolds our harts, A sure presage that he is on our parts.

Th. Hudson, Tran.

Our God is iust, whose stroke delaid long,
Doth light at last with paine more sharpe and strong.

I. H. M. of Magist.

The mistie cloudes that fall sometime
And ouercast the skies:
Are like to troubles of our time,
Which do but dimme our ejes.
But as such deawes are dried vp quite

When Phebus showes his face:

So are sad fancies put to flight, When God doth guide by grace.

G. Gascoigne.

Gods mercy gently waighes his iustice downe.
Th. Achelly.

So blinds the sharpest counsell of the wise,

This

This ouershadowing providence on hie: And dazeleth the clear est sighted eies, That they see not how nakedly they lie. There where they little thinke the storme doth rife, And ouercast their cleare securitie. When man hath stopt all waies saue only that, That (least suspected) ruine enters at, S. Daniell.

When Sathan tempts he leades vs vnto hell, But God doth guide whereas no death doth dwell. When Sathan tempts he seekes our faith to foyle, But God doth seale it never to recoyle. Sathan suggestethill, good moues to grace, The divel seekes our baptisme to deface. But God doth make our burning zeale to shine, Amongst the candels of his Church divine.

I. Syl. Transl.

: ---- Gods word (Which made the world, sustaines and guides it still) To divers ends conducts both good and ill. He that preferres not. God fore all his race,

Amongst the sonnes of God deserves no places And he that plowes the furrowes of Gods feeld, May not turne backe his fainting face nor yeeld.

Idem

God with eternall bread in time of need, Hisloued lacob sortie yeares did seed. And gaue them water from the solid stone, Which of it selfe had neuer moytture none. Their caps, their coats, and shoes that they did weare, God kept all fresh and new full fortie yeare.

Th. Hud. Tran.

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The most just God when once mans sinnes do grow' Beyond the bounds of pardon and of grace: Because that men his judgements best may know: Like to his loue, to rule on earth doth place Monsters most vile to tyrannize vs so, With wrong the right, with lust lawes to deface. For this said cause were Scylla sent and Marius, The Nerons both, and filthy minded Varius: For this Domitian held in Rome the raigne, And Antoninus of that name the last: And Messinine a base voworthy swaine. To place mankind in princely throne was plaste: For this in Thebes did cruell Creon raigne, With other tyrants more in ages past. For this of late hath Italy bene wonne, By men of Lambardie, of Goth and Hunne. S. Daniell,

Good deeds.

Who wold to God but workes no good, who seeketh fame by Comes short of both, no lesse then maps to very lands (ease, VV.VV arner. (and seas.

Good deeds in case that they be euil placed, Ill deeds are reckoned and soone disgraced, That is a good deed that prevents a bad, G. Chapman.

Well doing, farre exceedeth well to fay.

G. Turbernile.

Ill deeds may better the bad words be bore.

Ed. Spencer.

Let every one do all the good they can, or fildom commeth harme of doing well.

Though

Though iust reward it wanterh now and than,
Yet shame and east death it doth expell:
But he that mischieueth an other man,
Seldome doth carry it to heaven or hell.
Men say it, and we see it come to passe,
Good turnes in dust, and bad turnes writ in glasse.
S. I. Harrington. Transl.

Wretched is he that thinkes by doing ill,
His euill deeds long to conceale and hide:
For though the voyce and tongues of men be still,
By foules and beasts his sinne shall be discride,
And God oft worketh by his secret will,
That sinne it selfe, the sinner so doth guide,
That of his owne accord without request,
He makes his wicked doings manifest.

Idem.

Our bodies buried, then our deeds ascend, Those deeds in life to worth can not be rated, In death with life, our fame even then is dated.

M. Drayton,

Greatnesse.

Great things still orewhelme themselues by waight.

E. Guilpin.

Greatnesse like to the sunnes reflecting powers,
The fier bred vapours naturally exhailes,
And is the cause that oft the evening lowers,
When foggy mists enlarge their duskie sailes.
That his owne beames he in the cloudes impailes,
And either must extinguish his owne light,
Or by his vertue cause his proper right,

M. Drayton.

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To be huge is to be deadly sicke. . I. Marston.

Oblinded Greatnesse, thou with thy turmoile, Still selling happy life, mak'st life a toile. S. Daniel

--- He that strives to manage mightie things, Amidst his triumphes, beares a troubled minder The greatest hope the greatest harvest bring. And poore men in content there glory finde. D. Ledos.

The man that furthereth other men to thrive, Of private greatnesse doth himselfe deprive. Th. Storer.

Griefe.

Griese all in sables sorrowfully clad, Downe hanging his dull head with heavie cheare, Yet inly beine more, then leeming sad, A paire of pincers in his hand he had. With which, he pinched people to the heart, That from thenceforth, a wretched life they lad: In wilfull languor and consuming smart, Dying each day with impair'd wounds of dolors dart.

Ed. Spencer.

Griese onely makes his wretched state to see, (Euen like a toppe, which noughe but whipping moues) This man, this talking beast, this walking tree, Griefe is the stone, which finest judgements proues, For who grieues not, hath but a blockish brame, Since cause of Griefe we cause, from life remoues.

S. Pb. Sydney.

Griefes

---- Griefes deadly fore,

Vnkindnes breeds, vnkindnes fostereth hate.

Idem.

Griefe to it selfe most dreadfull doth appeare, And neuer yet was sotrow voyd of seare: But yet in death, they both do hope the best.

M. Drayton.

Griefes be long liu'd, and sorrowes seldome die.

Griefe hath two tongues, and neuer woman yet Could rule them both, without tenne womens wit,

W. Shake speare.

He oft findes medicine, who his griefes imparts,
But double Griefe afflicts concealing harts,
As raging flames, who striueth to suppresse.

Ed. Spencer.

Found neuer help, who neuer could his griefe impart.

Idem.

No greater ease of heart the griefes to tell, It daunteth all the dolours of the minde: Our carefull hearts thereby great comfort finde. I. H. Mir. of Mag.

An Ouen that is stopt, or River staied,
Burneth more hotely, swelleth with more rage:
So of concealed Griefe it may be said.
Free vent of words, loues fier doth allwage.
But when the hearts atturney once is mute,
The Client breakes, as desperate in his sute.
W. Shakes peare.

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Paine paies the income of each precious thing. W. Sh.

Heauen.

From hence with grace and goodnesse compast round God ruleth, blesseth, keepeth, all he wrought: About the aire, the fire, the sea, and ground, Our sense, our wit, our reason, and our thought: Where persons three, with power and glory crownd Are all one God, who made all things of nought, Vnder whole feete subiceted to his grace, Sit nature, fortune, motion, time, and place. This is the place from whence like smoake and dust Of this fraile world, the wealth, the pompe, the power He tosseth, humbleth, turneth as he lust, de last And guides our life, our end, our death and hower: No eye (how ever vertuous, pure and just) Can view the brightnes, of that glorious bower, On euery side the blessed spirirs bee Equall in ioyes, though differing in degree. E. Fairfax. Transl.

In this great temple, richly bewtified,
Pau'd all with starres, disperst on Saphire flower,
The Clarke is a pure Angell lanctified,
The ludge our hie Messias full of power,
The Apostles, his assistance, every hower
The lury Saints, the verdit Innocent,
The Sentence, Come ye blessed to my tent,

The speare that pierst his side, the writing Pen, Christes bloud the Inke, red Inke for Princes name,. The vailes great breach, the miracles for men,

The light is shew of them that long dead came From their old graves, restor'd to living same.

And that last signet passing all the rest,

Our soules discharg'd by Consumatum est.

Here endlesse ioy is, there perpetuall cheare,

Their exercise, sweete songs of many parts,

Angells the quier, whose symphonie to heare,

Is able to prouoke conceiuing harts,

To misconceiue of all inticing arts,

The ditty praise, the subject is the Lord,

That tunes their gladsome spirit to this accord.

Th. Storer.

What so the Heauens in their secret doombe, Ordained haue, how can fraile fleshly wight Forecast, but it must needs to issue come.

Ed. Spencer.

What in the heauenly parliament aboue,
Is written by the finger of the first,
Mortalls may feele, but neuer can remoue,
For they are subject to the heauens worst.

I. Markham.

By mortall lawe the bond may be divorced.

The heavens decrees by no meanes can be forced.

M. Drarton.

In vaine doth man contend against the Starres,
For what he scekes to make, his wisedome marres.

S. Daniell.

2--. Humane wishes neuer haue the power To hurt or hast the course of heaven one hower.

Th. Hudson. Transl.

Experience proves, and daily it is seene,

In vaine (too vaine) man striues against the heauens.

G. Gascoigne.

It is most true, that eyes are bound to serve

The inward part, and that th'heauenly part

Oughero be King, from whose rules who doth swerge,

Rebelles to nature, striue for their owne smart,

True that true bewtie, vertue is indeed,

Whereof this bewtie can be but a shade:

Which elements, with mortall mixture breed,

True that on earth we are but pilgrimes made,

And should in soule vp to our countrey moue.

S.Ph. Sydney.

Heauen is our home, we are but straungers here. M. Drayton.

The heavens, earth, and aire, and seas and all, Taught men to see, but not to shunne their fall.

S. Daniell. Things which presage both good and ill there bee, Which heaven foreshewes, yet will not let vs see.

M. Drayton.

From them comes good, from them comes also ill, That which they made, who can them warne to spill.

Ed. Spencer.

In vaine bearmes, when heaven becomes thy foc Idem.

Looke when the heauens are to instice bent, All things be turn'd to our just punishment.

Idem.

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All powers are subiect to the power of heaven, Nor wrongs passe vnreuenged, although excus'd.

Would hezuen her bewtie should be hid from sight, Nere would she thus adorne her selfe with light, With sparking Lamps; nor would she paint her throng But she delighted to be gaz'd vpon. And when the glorious sunne goes downe, Would she put on her stary bestudded crowne, And in her masking sute, the spangled skie Come forth to bride it with her reuellry, Heavens gave this gift to all things in creation, That they in this should immitate their fashion. Idem. M. Drayton.

Heauens influence was neuer constant yet, In good or bad, as to continue it.

Th. Kyd.

If thou be wise hold this as ominous, The heavens not like disposed every houtes The starres be still predominant in vs: Fortune not alway forth her bagge doth powre, Nor euery cloude doth raine a golden showre. M. Drayton,

Heart.

Free is the Heart, the temple of the minde, The sanctuarie sacred from aboue, Where nature keepes the keys that loofe and bindes No mortall hand force, open can that doore, So close shut vp, and lock to all mankinde.

S. Daniell.

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The bodies wound, by medicines may be eased, But griefes of heart, by salues are not appealed.

R. Greene.

By thought of heart, the speech of tongue is carried.

S. I. Harr. Tran.

---- Happinesse, vid. Felicitie.

Hate.

Hate is the elder, loue the yonger brother, Yet is the yonger stronger in his state Then th'elder, and him mastereth still in all debate.

Ed. Spencer.

Nor Hate nor loue, did euer judge aright, -Innated hate will hardly be displaste Out of high hearts, and chiefly where debate Happeneth amongst great persons of estate.

I.H. Mirr. of M.

Hatred must be beguilde by some new course, Where states are strong, & Princes doubt their force.

S. Daniell.

Spight bites the dead, that living neuer darde. Ed. Spencer.

Sildome doth malice want a meane to worke.

M. Drayton.

Hate hits the hie, and windes force tallest towers-

Hate is peculiar to a Princes state.

R. Greene.

Hatred accompanies prosperitie,
For one man greeueth at an others good:
And so much more we thinke o r miserie,
The more that fortune hath with others stood.

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So that we feld are seene as wisedome would, To bridle time with reason as we should.

Th. Kyd.

Haste.

Ost times the greatest haste the worser speeds.
S. I. Harr. Transl.

As busie braines must beat on tickle toyes,
As rash invention breeds a raw device:
So suddein falles do hinder hastie ioyes,
And as swift baits do fleetest fish intice,
So haste makes waste, and therefore now I say,
No haste but good, where wisedome beares the sway.

G. Gascoigne.

The swiftest bitch brings forth the blindest whelpes, The hottest seuers coldest crampes ensue. The nakedst need, hath ouer-latest helpes.

Idem.

Hastie respect, repents when tis too late.

I. Markeham.

Fore-iudging, puts out one of wisedomes eies.

---If by rashnesse valour haue got honour,

Weblame the rashnesse, but reward the valour.

c the rathnesse, but reward the valour.

Ch. Fitz leffrey.

O rash false heat wrapt in repentance cold,
Thy haste springs still blood, and nere growes old.
W.Sh.

Hel.

Hell.

In hidious hole all vast withouten shape,

If endlesse depth, orewhelm'd with ragged stone:

Ith ougly mouth and grissy jawes doth gape,

Ind to our sight confounds it selfe in one:

ere entred we, and yeeding forth anon

In horrible loathly lake we might discerne

Is blacke as pitch, that cleped is Anerne,

deadly gulse, where nought but rubbish growes,

Ith soule blacke swelth in thickned lumps that lies:

I hich vp in th'aire such stinking vapour throwes.

That ouer, there may sly no sowle but dies,

hoakt with th'pestilent sauours that arise.

M. Sacknile; .

hence come we to the horror and the hell, he large great kingdomes and the dreadfull raigne, If Pluto in his throne where he did dwell; he wide waste places and the hugie plaine: he waylings, shrikes, and sundry forts of paine. he sighes, the sobbes, the deep and deadly grone, arth, aire, and all resounding plaine and mone. Idem: Hen turning backe, in filence foft they stole, ind brought the heavy course with easie pace, o yawning gulfe of deep Auernus hole, nd by that same an entrance darke and base, Vith smoake and Sulphur hiding all the place, rescends to hell, their creature neuer past, hat back returned without heavenly grace. ut dreadfull furies, which their chaines have braft, ind damned sprights, sent forth to make ill men agast. Ed. Spencer: -- Dark K- 2

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Ther's no path to returne, nor starting holes to be scaping, Desteny, death, and hell, and howling hidious hell-hound, Loath som streames of Stix, that nine times compasse Au.

Ab. Fraunce.

They passe the bitter waves of Acheron,
Where many soules sit wayling wosully:
And come to fiery flood of Phlegeton,
Whereas the damned ghoasts in torments fry,
And with sharpe shrilling shrikes do bootlesse cry;
Cursing high Ione, the which them thither sent.

Ed. Spencer.

About the defart parts of Greece there is a vally low,
To which the roaring waters fall, that fro the moutains flo
So rocks do ouershadow it, that scarse a man may vew
The open aire, no sun shines there; amidst this darkesom cr
Doth stand a citie, to the same belongs one onely gate,
But one at once may come therto, the entrance is so strait
Cut out the rough maine stony rocke: this citie did belong
To Pluto, and because that he was doing alwaies wrong,
And kept a theeuish rable that in mischiefe did excell,
His citizens were dinels said, and citie named hell.

W.Warner

Honour.

In woods, in waves, in warres doth honour dwell,
And will be found with perill and with paine:
Ne can the man that moulds in idle cell
Vnto her happie mansion attaine,
Before her gate hie God did sweat ordaine,
And wakefull watches ever to abide.

However

Ed. Spencer.

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nour is purchas de by the deeds we doo. Ch. Marlowe.

----Honour is not wonne itill some honourable deed be donne. Idem.

inger bids seeke the softest way one way.

t what saith honour? honour saith not so,
uer retire with shame; this honour saith:
le worst that can befall one, is but death.

S. I. Harra

braue pursuit of honourable deed, tere is I know not what great difference tweene the vulgar and the common seed, hich vnto things of valerous pretence mes to be borne by natiue influence: seates of armes, and loue to entertaine, t chiefly skill to ride, doth seeme a science, pper to gentle blood; some others faine.

manage steed.&c.

Ed. Spencer.

ickens the bloud, and honour doth beget.

S. Daniell.

ele worldly honors are but shades of sweete:
no seeke too much before they get enough,
ore they meet the meane, with death they meete.
With death they meete the hauen of all desire,
Where will must waine, and pride cannot aspire.

D. Lodge.

nour a thing without vs, not our owne.

S. D.

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What

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What doth quaile to have a princely place,

A name of honour, and an high degree:

To come by kindred of a noble race,

Except we princely worthy noble bee,

The fruite declares the goodnesse of the tree.

Do brag no more of birth or linage than,

Sith vertue, grace, and manners make the man.

M. of M.

Search all thy bookes, and thou shalt finde therein, That honour is more hard to hold then win.

G. Gascoigne.

Deseated honour neuer more is to be got againe.

W. Warner.

The which true worth and danger do not gaine.

S. Daniell.

Vertue can beare what can on vertue fall. Who cheapneth honour must not stand on price.

M. Drayton.

Of mightie peeres, true wiledome to sustaine:
And with their noble countenance to grace.
The learned for heads without gifts or gaine.
Or rather learned themselues behoues to bee,
That is the garland of nobilitie.

Ed. Spencer.

An hundred yeares scant can it cleanse againe.

S. I. H. Transl.

A shame to fetch our long discent from kings,

OF OVE ENGLISH POBIS.

And from great lone deriue our pedigree:
The braue atchiements of an hundred things,
Breathing vaine boafts the world to terrifie,
If we our selues do blot with infamie.

And staine the right and honour that is theirs, Men cannot leave their vertues to their heires,

M. Drayton.

Honour is grounded on the tickle yee.

The purest lawne most apt for every spot.

Idem.

Honors shade, thrusts honors substance from his place.

I. Marston.

Honour by due right is vertues hire.

Th. Watson.
Honours without imployment of estate,

Are like to sun-beames without heate or light:

A noble man and not a magistrate 🔧

Shines halfe eclipsed in his clearest bright.

loyne heavenly gifts to earthly, light to light.

Let thele great excellencies make a truce,
Fortune shall need no wheele-wright for her yse.

Th. Storer.

Great is the choise that growes in youthfull minde, When honour falles at variance with affection: Nor could it yet be knowne or well definde, Which passion keeps the other in subjection. Both do allure, both doth the judgements blinde, Both do corrupt the heart with strong infection. Yet lee sometimes these hurts procure our weale, Euch as one poyson doth another heale.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

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The fiery sparkling precious Chrysolite
Spangled with gold, doth most transplendent shine:
The pearle grac'd by the ring, the ring by it,
The one, the others beautie doth refine:
And both together beauties do combine.
The iewell decks the golden haire that weare it,
Honour decks learning, that with honour reares it.

Ch. Fitz.

The inward touch that wounded honour beares, Rests closely ranckling, and can find no ease, Till death of one side cure this great disease. S. Danies.

Hope.

Faiths yonger sister that Speranza hight,
Was clad in blew, that her beseemed well?
Not all so chearfull seemed she of sight
As was her sister: whether dread did dwell
Or anguish in her heart, is hard to tell:
Vpon her arme a siluer anchor lay,
Whereon she leaned euer as besell,
And euer vp to heauen as she did pray,
Her eyes were bent, ne swarued other way.

Ed. Spencer.

Of chearfull looks and louely to behold:
In silken Samite she was light araide,
And her faire locks were wouen vp in gold:
She alway smilde, and in her hand did hold
An holy water sprinkle, dipt in dewe,
With which she sprinkled fauours manifold.

OVE ENGLISH FORTS.

On whom she list, and did great liking shewe, Great liking vnto many, but true loue to fewe. Idem.

True hope is swift, and flies with swallowes wing, Kings it makes Gods, and meaner creatures Kings.

W. Shakespeare.

Wan Hope poore soule, on broken anchor sits Wringing his armes, as robbed of his blisse.

D. Lodge.

What better emperor can the body hold, Then sacred Hope? the element from whence, Vertue is drawne fresh, looking neuer old: Matter most worthy of a strong defence. It animates yoong men, and makes them bold, Arming their hearts with holy influence, It like a scale in tender thoughts doth presse The perfect Image of all happinesse:

I. Markham.

--- Hope is double, and hath double power, As being mortall, and immortall fram'de: In th'one shee's mouelesse, certaine euery houre: In th'other doubtfull, and incertaine nam'de. Th'immortall Hoperaines in a holy bowre, In earthy closures is the mortall tam'de. And these two contraries, where ere they meete, Double delight, and make our thoughts more sweete. Idem.

He that hopes least, leaves not to hope at all, But hopes the most, hoping so little hope, Augmenting of our hope, makes hope growe small, And taking from it, gives ît greater scope.

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The desperate man which in dispaire doth fall,
Hopes by that end ill fortune to reuoke,
And to this hope belongs a second part,

Which we call confidence, which rules the hart.
This feeond part of hope this confidence.

This second part of hope, this confidence,

Doth Tuliy call a vertue that doth guide

The Spirit to an honest residence,

Without whose aide, no pleasure will abide In our world-wearied flesh.

I. Markeham.

All men are guests where hope doth hold the feast.

G. Gascoigne. Maria ...

Such is the weakenesse of all mortall hope,
So tickle is the state of earthly things,
And brings vs bale and bitter forrowings,
That ere they come vnto their aimed scope,
They fall too short of our fraile reckonings,
In stead of comfort which we should embrace.
This is the death of Keysans and of Kings,
Let none therefore that is in meaner place,
Too greatly grieve at any vnluckie case.

Ed. Spencer.

Vnworthy they of grace, whom one deniall

Excludes from fairest hope, without farther trials.

Idem.

Hope like the Hyenna comming to be old.
Alters his shape, is turned to dispaire.

H. C.

Sorrow doth vtter what vs still doth grieue, But hope forbids vs sorrow to beleeue.

Idens.

But that we would forgoe that seldome leaves vs.

Idem.

None without great hopes will follow such, Whose power and honour doth not promise much.

S. Daniell.

Who nothing hopes, let him dispaire in nought.

Th. Achelly.

To live in hope of that they meane to give, Is to deceive our selves, and not to live.

D. Lodge.

Hope lost, breeds griefe, griefe paine, and paine discase.

Th. Watson.

Our haps do turne as chaunces on the die.

Nor let him from his hope remoue;

That vnderhim, bath mou'd the starres aboue.

M. Drayton;

Hope and haue, in time a man may gaine any woman.

Hope well, seare not, marke this, be wise,

Droupe not, for to dispaire, is to die twise.

Ignoto.

Bad haps are holpe with hap and good beliefe.

S. I. Harrington. Transl.

O Hope, how cunning with our cares to gloze?

Griefes breathing poynt, the true man to desire,

The rest in sighes, the very thoughts repose,

As thou art milde, oh wert thou not a lier?

Faire speaking flatterie subtill soothing guile:

Ah Hope, in thee our sorrowes sweetly smile.

M. Drayton,

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Humilitie.

He was an aged syre, hoary gray,
With lookes full lowly cast, and gate full slowe,
Wont on a staffe his feeble steps to stay,
Hight Humilta: they passe in stouping lowe,
For straight and narrow was the way that he did showe.

Ed. Spencer.

Humilitie to heauen, the step, the staire Is, for deuotion, sacrifice, and praier.

M. Drayton.

The bending knee in safetie still doth goe, When others stumble, as too stiffe to bowe.

Idem.

As on the vasauourie stocke, the Lillie is borne, And as the Rose growes on the pricking thorne, So modest life with sobs of gricuous smart, And cries deuout, comes from an humblehart.

Th. Hudson. Transl,

More honour in Humilitie, then safetie in walles,
Proud liners proue not monuments, saue onely in their falles.

VV. Warner.

Ah God shield man that I should clime, and learne to looke aloft:

This reed is ripe, that oftentime:
great climers fall vnloft.

In humble dale is footing fast, the tode is not so fickle:

And though one fall through heedlesse haste, yet is his misse not mickle.

Ed. Spencer,

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The lowly heart doth win the love of all, But pride at last, is sure of shamefull fall.

G. Tura

Hypocrisie.

--- Hypocrisie hath bred of Godlike divels store, (guiles That speake to serve, that serve to shift, that shift to spare by And smoothe and soothe, and yet deceive, with scriptum est W. Warner. (meane while.

But let the heave their hads to heave, they show they'r here in That seeme devout to cloake deceit, and say, but do (hell, Idem. (not well.)

Who cloakes their mindes in hoods of holinesse Are double villaines, and the Hypocrite Is most odious in Gods glorious sight,
That takes his name to couer wickednesse. I. Sy Many vse temples to set godly faces.
On impious hearts; those sinnes vse most excesse,
That seeke their shrowdes in fained holinesse.

G. Chapman, Vide. Dissimulation,

Iealousie.

A thousand eyes she had that watch did keepe:
As many eares with which she harkened,
Her eyes want lids, and therefore neuer sleepe.
In stead of haire, her crowne snakes ouerspred.
Thus marched she forth of the darknes deepe,
Her tayle one serpent bigger then the rest,
Which she with knots fastened about her brest.

S. I. Harrington. Transl.

A monster, others harme, selse miserie Bewties plague, vertues scourge, succour lies.

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Who fince he hath by natures speciall grace,
So piercing pawes as spoile, when they embrace,
So nimble feete, as stirre though still on thornes,
So many men seeking their owne woe.
So ample eares that neuer good newes kowes
Is it not ill that such a beast want hotnes?

S. Ph. Sydney.

O hatefull hellish snake what furie first
Brought thee from balefull house of Proserpines
Where in her bosome the the long had nurst,
And softered vp with bitter milke of time,
Foule lealousie that turnest loue divine.

To day lesse dread, and mak'st the living hare
With hatefull thoughts to languish and to pine,
And feed it selfe with selfe consuming smart,
Of all the passions in the minde, thou viler art.

Ed. Spencer.

Most wayward issue of a gentlesire
Fostred with seares thy fathers io ies to proue,
Mirth marring monster, borne in subtilitie,
Hatefull vnto thy selfe, slying thy owne desire,
Feeding vpon suspect that doth renew thee,
Happie were Louers, if they never knew thee,
Thou hast a thousand gates thou entrest by,
Condemning trembling passions to our hart.
Hundred eyed Argus, ever making spy,
Pale hagge, infernall furie, pleasures smart:
Envious observer, prying in every part,
Suspitions searefull, gazing still about the hart.

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O would to God that love could be without thee. ... S. Daniell.

But it may well be term'd, poore mortall plaine.
For like the pestilence, it doth infect
The houses of the braine: first it begins
Solely to worke upon the phantalic,
Filling her seat with such pestiserous aire,
As soone corrupts the judgement, and from thence
Sends like contagion to the memorie,
Still each of other taking like infection,
Which as a searching vapour spreads it selfe,
Consusedly through every sensue part,
Till not a thought or motion in the minde,
Be farre from the blacke poyson of suspect.

B. lohnson.

Where love doth raigne, disturbing icalousie,
Doth call himselfe affections Centinell,
And in a peacefull houre, dooth crye kill, kill,
Distempering gentle love with his desire,
As ayre and water dooth abate the fire:
This sound informer, this bare-breeding spie,
This cancker that eates up this tender spring,

This carry-tale, discentio's lealousse!

Fowle weatherd lealousie to a forward spring,
Makes weeds growe ranke, but spoiles a better thing.
Sowes tares gainst haruest in the fields of loue,
And dogged humor dogdayes like doth prooue,
Scorehing loues glorious world with glowing tong,
A serpent by which loue to death is stonge
A foe to waste his pleasant summer bowers,
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Ruine his mansions, and deface his bowers.

E. Guilpin.

Pale Icalousie childe of insatiat loue,
Of heartsicke thoughts, which melancholy bred,
A hell tormenting feare, no faith can moue:
By discontent with deadly poyson fed,
With heed esse youth and error vainly led.
A mortall plague, a vertue drowing floud,
A hellish fier, not quenched but with bloud.

M.Drayton.

What state of life more pleasant can we finde,
Then these that true and heartie loue do beare?
Whom that sweet yoake doth fast together binde,
That man in Paradice first learnd to weare.
Were not some so tormented in their minde
With that same vile suspect that filthy feare,
That torture great, that soolish phrenezie,
That raging madnes, called lealousie,
For euery other sower that gets a place
To seate it selfe amidst this pleasant sweete,
Helpes in the end to give a greater grace,
And make loves ioies more gracious then they were,
He that abstaines from sustenance a space,
Shall finde both bread and water relish sweete.

S. I. Harr. Transl.

For the swift steed runnes not so fast alone,
As when some other striue him to out goe.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Loue wakes the icalous eye, least then it moues The icalous eye, the more it lookes it loues. S. Ph. Sydney. ---No icalousie can that preuent, Whereas two parties once be full content.

Idem.

Impatience changeth smoake to flame, but iealousie to hell.

W. Warner.

On lone, saies some, waits iealouzie, but iealousie wants lone When curiously the onerplus doth idle quarels mone. Idem.

---- Where iealousie is bred,

Hornes in the mind, are worse then hornes in the hed.

B. Iohnson.

That canker-worme, that monster icalousie,

Which eates the heart, and feeds vpon the gall,

Turning all loues delight to miserie,

Through feare of looking his felicitie.

Ed. Spencer.

Shun iealousie that hart-breake loue, if cat will go to kinde, Be sure that Io hath a meanes, that Argus shall be blinde.

UU. Warner.

True loue doth looke with pale suspicious eie, Take away loue, if you take icalousie.

M. Drayton.

No beast is sierer then a icalous woman. S. Daniell.

Idlenesse.

Prides coach was drawne of fixe vnequall beafts,
On which her fixe fage counsellours did ride:
Taught to obey her bestiall beheasts,
With like conditions to their kindes applide.
Of which the first that all the rest did guide,
Was sluggish Idlenesse, the nurse of sinne,

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Vpon a flothfull Asse he chose to ride, Arraid in habit black and amis thin, Like to an holy Manke, the service to begin.

Ed. Spencer.

Desiles our bodie, and our soule peruerts:
Yea soberest men it makes delicious,
To vertue dull, to vice ingenious.

I. Syl. Transl.

And floath corrupts and choakes the vitall sprights, It kills the memorie, and hurts the sights.

D. Lodge.

With Snaile-like motion measuring the ground:
Hauing her armes in willing fetters bound.
Foule, sluggish drone, barren (but sinne to breed)
Diseased, begger, staru'd with sinfull need.

I. Silvester.

If thou flie Idlenesse, Cupid hath no might, His bowe lyeth broken, his torch hath no light.

Ignorance.

At last with creeping crooked pace forth came An old old man, with heard as white as snow: That on a staffe his feeble simbs did frame, And guide his weary gate both too and sro. For his eye sight him failed long ago, And on his arme a bunch of keyes he bore, The which vnvsed, rust did ouergrow. But very vncouth fight was to behold
How he did fashion his vntoward pace:
For as he forward mou'd his footing old,
So backward still was turnd his wrinckled face:
Vnlike to men who euer as they trace
Both feete and face one way are wont to lead,
His name Ignaro, did his nature right aread.

Ed. Spencer.

Image of hellish horror, Ignorance,
Borne in the bosome of the blacke abisse,
And fed with furies milke for sustenance,
Of his weake infancie begot amisse:
By gnawing sloth, vpon his mother night,
So he his sonnes, both Syre and brother hight.

Idem.

---All is turned into wildernesse,
Whilest Ignorance the Muses doth oppresse.

Idem.

--- Hell and darknesse and the grissy graue, Is Ignorance, the enemy of grace:

That minds of men borne heavenly, doth deface.

Idem.

Tis nought but showes that Ignorance esteemes.

The thing possess, is not the thing it seemes.

S. Daniell.

---Great ill vpon desert doth chance,
When it doth passe by beastly Ignorance. M.Dray.

Impatience.

Impatience changeth smoake to flame, but icalouste to hell.
W. Warner.

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Make not thy griefe too great by thy suppose, Let not Impatience aggrauate thy woes.

D. Lodge.

Infamie.

--- To attempt hie daungers euident, Without constraint or need is Infamie. And honour turnes to rashnesse in th'euent: And who so dares, not caring how he dares, Sells vertues name, to purchase foolish cares. I. Markham.

----Reproach

A vile disease that neuer time can cure.

M. Drayton.

Sinne in a chaine leades on her sister shame, And both in giues fast settered to desame. Idem.

Thy name once foild, incurable the blot, Thy name defaste which toucht with any staine, And once supplanted neuer growes againe. Gainst open shame no text can well be cited, The blow once giuen cannot be euited. M. Drayton.

Ingratitude.

Vnthankfulnesse is that great sin, Which made the divel and his angels fall: Lost him and them the ioyes that they were in, And now in hell detaines them bound and thrall. S. I. Harr. Transl.

Thou hatefull monster base Ingratitude, Soules mortali poyson, deadly killing wound:

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Deceitfull serpent seeking to delude, Blacke loathsome ditch, where all desert is drown'd: Vile pestilence, which all things doest confound. At first created to no other end, But to greeve those, whom nothing could offend. M. Drayton. Ingratefull who is call'd, the worst of ill is spoken. S. Phil. Sidney. Tis true that slaue whom Pompey did promote, Was he, that first assaid to cut his throte. D. Lodge. Innocencie. A plaint of guiltlesse hurt doth pierce the skie. S. Phil. Sidney. Sildome vntoucht doth Innocencie escape, When errour commeth in good counsels shape. A lawfull ritle, counterchecks proud might, The weakest things, become strong props to right. M. Drayton. Pure Innocence sildome suspecteth ought. Idem. A guiltlesse mind doth easily deeme the best. M. of M. The lyon licks the fores of filly wounded theep, The dead mas course doth cause the crocodile to weep: The waves that wast the rocks refresh the rotte weeds, Such ruth the wrack of innocence in cruel creatures M. of M. (breeds. Well gaue that Judge his doome voon the death Of Titus Lalius that in bed was slaine: When euery wight the cruell murder laith

To his two sonnes that in his chamber laic,
That ludge that by the proofe perceiveth plaine
That they were found fast sleeping in their bed,
Hath deem'd them guiltlesse of this bloudy shed.
He thought it could not be that they which brake
The lawes of God and man in such outrage,
Could so forthwith themselves to rest betake:
He rather thought the horror and the rage
Of such an hainous gilt, could never swage.
Nor never suffer them to sleepe or rest,
Or dreadlesse breathe one breath out of their brest.

M. Sackuile.

Inconstancie.

Vnto the world such is Inconstancie,
As sappe to tree, as apple to the eie.

D. Lodge,

loye.

All like as sicker as the end of woe is Ioye, And glorious light to obscure night doth tend, So extreame Ioy in extreame woe doth end.

M. of M.

For why extreames are haps rackt out of course,
By violent might far swinged forth perforce:
Which as they are piercingst they violentest moue:
For that they are nere to cause that doth them shoue,
So soonest fall from that their highest extreame,
To thother contrary that doth want of meane,
So laugh'd he erst that laughed out his breath.

Idem.

The pleasing meanes bode not the luckiest ends, Nor aye, sound treasure to like pleasure tends. Mitth OF OVR ENGLISH POETS.

Mirth meanes not mirth alwaies thrice happie lyne Of witte to shun th'excesse that all desire.

Idem.

Ioy lighteneth woe, woe Ioy doth moderate.

M. Drayton.

Ioy is forgetfull, weale thinkes not of woe.

Idem.

--- loy ascends, but sorrow sinks below.

Ch. Fitz.

Fruits follow flowers, and forrow greatest loyes.

As sudden griefe, so sudden loy doth kill.

Th. Acheliy.

The Romane widow died when she beheld Her sonne who erst she counted slaine in field.

• G. Gascoigne.

-----Excessive Ioy

Leapeth and likes finding the Appian way

Too strait for her: whose sences all possesse

All wished pleasure; in all pleaseousnesse.

I. Syluestera

Iniustice.

Iniustice neuer yet tooke lasting roote.
Nor held that long, Impietie did winne,
S. Daniell.

So foule a thing, ô thou Iniustice art,
That torment'st both the dooer and distress:
For when a man hath done a wicked part,
O how he striues to excuse, to make the best:
To shift the fault t'vinburden his charged hart.
And glad to find the least surmise of rest.

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And if he could make his, seeme others sin, O what repose, what ease he findes therein, Idem.

Iniustice neuer scapes vnpunisht still,
Though men reuenge not, yet the heauens will.

Idem.

Iustice.

Now when the world with sin gan to abound,

Astrea loathing longer here to space

Mongst wicked men in whom no truth she found,

Returnd to heaven whence she deriv'd her race,

Where she hath now an everlasting place.

Mongst those twelve signes which rightly we do see,

The heavens bright shining bawdrick to inchace:

And is the virgin sixt in her degree,

And next her self, her righteous ballance hanging bee.

Ed. Spencer.

Then iustice comes the last of all the gods,
That left her residence here on the earth:
For lacke of whom the world grew all at ods,
And man to man curses each others birth.
For then vsurping wrong succeeded straight,
That no man knew how long to hold his right:
Then calls the world for Iustice back againe,
Complaining how they now were ouerrunne,
And they would suffer any scourging paine,
In pennance for those sinnes themselues had donne.
For that their wickednesse did force that power
To leave the scate whereas she sate before,
Whereas the Gods did in their courts decree,
Iustice should be transformed to the starres:
Where

OF OFRENOLISH LOLLS. 13.

There foolish men might every minute see Her that should helpe these miseries of theirs, But stand like Tantalus within those brinkes, Where he sees water, but yet never drinkes. Ch. Middleton.

--- Faire Astrea of the Titans line, Whom equitie and justice made divine.

M. Drayton.

That Iustice was a God of soueraigne grace,
And Altars vnto him and temples lent,
And headenly honours in the highest place.
Calling him, great Osyris of the race,
Of th'old Agyptian Kings, that whilome were,
With fained colours shading a true case:
For that Osyris whil'st he lived here,
The iustest man alive and truest did aspire.
His wife was Isis, whom they likewise made
A goddesse of great power and soueraigntie:
And in her person cunningly did shade,
That part of suffice which is equitie.

Ed. Spencer.

Vitill the world from his perfection fell,
Into all filth and foule iniquitie:

Astraa here mongst earthly men did dwell,
And in the rules of justice then and stumbled well.

Where Iustice growes, there growes eke quiet grace, The which doth quench the brand of hellish smart, And that accurst hand-writing doth deface.

Idem.

--- Sparing Iustice, feeds iniquitie.
W. Shakespeare.

The first was Bacchus, that with furious might,
All th'east before vntam'de did ouerrunne,
And wrong repressed and establishe right,
Which lawselle men had formerly foredone,
Their instice forc't her princely rule begunne.
Next Hercules, his like ensample shewed,
Who all the west with equal conquest wonne.
And monstrous Tirants with his club subdued,
The club of Instice dread, with kingly power endued.
Ed. Spencer.

Who so vpon himselfe will take the skill,
And suffice vnto people to deuide,
Had need of mightie hands for to sussill
That which he doth, with righteous doome decide,
And for to maister wrong and puissant pride:
For vaine it is to deeme of things aright,
And make wrong doers sustice to deride
Valesse it be perform'd with dreadlesse might,
For power is the right-hand of justice truly hight.

Offences vrg'd in publike, are made worse, The shew of sustice aggravates despight: The multitude that looke not to the cause, Rest satssied, so it be done by lawes.

S. Daniel.

It often falles in course of common life,
That right long time is ouerborne of wrong,
Through anarice or power, or guile, or strife,
That weakens her, and makes her partie strong,

But

OF OVER PROPERTY.

But Iustice though her doome she do prolong. Yet at the last she will her owne cause right.

Fd. Spencer.

Good causes need not curious termes, & equal! Indges heare.
The equitie, not eloquence.

W.Waruer.

Who passeth iudgement for his private gaine, He well may judge he is adjudg'd to paine.

R. Greene.

Giass

Kings.

Kings'are the Gods vicegerents on the earth,
The Gods have power, Kings from that power have
Kings should excell in vertue and in birth: (might:
Gods punish wrongs, & kings should maintaine right,
They be the sunnes from which we borrow light,
And they as Kings, should still in instice strive
With Gods, from whom their beings they derive.

M. Drayton.

The baser is he comming from a King,
To shame his hopes with deeds degenerate:
The mightier man, the mightier is the thing,
That makes him honoured, or begets him hate:
For greater scandall waits on greater state.
The Moone being clouded, presently is mist,
But little starres may hide them where they list.
The Crowe may bathe his cole-blacke wing in mire,
And unperceived, slie with the filth away,
But if she like the snow white swan desire,
The staine upon his silver downe will stay,
Poore groomes are sightles nights, kings glorious day.

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Gnats are vnnoted wheresoeuer they flie, But Eagles are gaz'd vpon with euery eic. UU. Shakespeare.

Angells are plac't about the glorious throne,

Togard it from the stroakes of traitrous hand.

Th. Dekkar.

When thou becom'st an earthly God, mens faults to oversee, Forget not that eternall God, that overlooketh thee.

W. Warner.

The least part of a King is allowing him, and none Lesse primate then a Prince, the weale or woe of enery one. Idem.

He and his people wake but one, a body, weake or strong,
As doth the head, the limbs, or limbs the head assist, or wrog.

Idem.

Kings, Lords of times and of occasions,
May take th'aduantage when and how they lift.

S. Daniell.

Kings will be alone, Competitors must downe,
Neare death he stands, that stands to weare a crowne.

Idem.

In rule of loue, but once to crosse a King.

M. Drayton,

Indles cares concur with crowns, a bitter sweeting is raign.
W. Warner.

Not all the water in the rough rude sea

Can wash the balme from an anoynted King:

The breath of worldly men cannot depose

The deputie elected by the Lord.

W. Shakespeare.

He

He knowes not what it is to be a King, That thinkes a Scepter is a pleasant thing.

R. Greene.

A glittering Crowne doth make the haire soone gray, Within whose circle, a king is but arrested, In all his feasts hee's but with sorrow feasted, And when his feete disdaine to touch the mold, His head's a prisoner in a Iaile of Gold.

M. Drayton.

Vnhappy Kings that neuer can be taught, To know themselves, or to discerne their fault.

S. Daniell.

--- No outragious thing
From vassall actors can be wipte away,
The Kings misdeeds can not be hid in clay.

W. Shakespeare.

No Scepter serues dishonour to excuse,
Nor kingly vaile can couer villainie,
Fame is not subject to authoritie.

M. Drayton.

--- Thinke not but Kings are men, and as the rest miscarry,
Saue that their same and infamy continually doth tarry.

OU. VV arner.

Kings want no meanes to accomplish what they will.

M. Drayton.

Mislikes are silly lets where Kings resolue them, Where counsell chasing will hath emperie, Deeds are too prest for reason to dissolue them, In mightic mindes a grounded vanitie.

Like springs that ceassesse neuer stoppeth, Vntill her neighbour Oake she ouertoppeth.

D. Lodge,

-- Great

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Presuming sauorites mischiese euer bring:
So that concluding, I may boldly speake,
Minions too great, argue a king too weake.

S. Daniell.

New kings do feare when old kings farther straine, Establishe state to all things will consent.

Idem.

Good from kings must not be drawne by force,

A Scepter like a pillar of great height,
Whereon a mightie building doth depend:
Which when the same is ouer-prest with waight,
And past his compasse forc't thereby to bend:
His massie roose downe to the ground doth send.
Crushing the seller part, and murthering all
Which stand within the compasse of his fall.

. M. Drayton. 200

Too true that tyrant Dyonifyus
Did picture out the image of a king:
When Damocles was placed in his throne,
And ore his head a threatning sword did hang,
Fastened vp only by a horses haire.

R. Greene.

Kingdomes.

A rule there is, not failing but most sure, Kingdome no kin doth know, ne can endure. M. of M.

Thebes, Babell, Rome, these proud heaue daring wonders
Loe vnder ground in dust and ashes sie,

FOR

For earthly kingdomes, euen as men do die.

I. Syluester. Transl.

If thou wilt mightie be, flie from the rage
Discruell will, and see thou keep thee free
From the sowle yoake of sensuals bondage:
For though thy Empire stretcheth to Indian sea,
And for thy seare trembleth the farthest Thise,
If thy desire have over thee the power,
Subject then art thou, and no governour.

E. of Surrey.

Knowledge.

Through knowledge we behold the worlds creation, How in his cradle first he fostered was: And judge of natures cunning operation, How things she formed of a formelesse masse. By knowledge we do learne our selues to knowe, And what to man, and what to God we owe: From hence we mount aloft vnto the skie, And looke into the christall firmament: There we behold the heavens great Hierarchie. The starres pure light, the spheares swift mouement, The spirits and intelligences faire: And Angels waiting on th'almighties chaire. And there with humble mind and hie in fight, Th'eternall makers maiestie we viewe, His love, his faith, his glory and his might, And mercy more then mortall men can viewe. Ed. Spencer.

oule of the world, knowledge withouten thee.
What hath the earth that's truly glorious.

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Why should our pride make such a stirre to bee, To be forgot? What good is like to this? To do worthy the writing, and to write, Worthy the reading, and the worlds delight. S. Daniell.

What difference twixt man and beast is left, When th'heauenly light of knowledge is put out, And the ornaments of wisedome are bereft? Then wandreth he in errour and in doubt, Vnweeting of the daunger he is in, Through fleshlesse frailtie, and deceit of sin.

Ed. Spencer.

--- Our new knowledge hath for tedious traine, A drouping life, an ouerracked braine: A face torlorne, a sad and sullen fashion, A restlesse toyle, and cares selfepining passion. Knowledge was then even the soules soule for light, The spirits calme port, and lanthorne shining bright. To thait-stept feet cleare knowledge: not confusde, Not sower but sweete, not gotten, but infusde. I. Syl. Transl.

---- We see to know, men still are glad, And yet we see knowledge oft makes men mad.

S. I. H. Transl.

Who so knowes most, the more he knowes to doubt, The best discourse, is commonly most stout.

S. Daniell.

--- Common is rhe proofe That enuying is not cunning if it standeth not aloofe. VV. Warner.

By knowledge thine, thou hast no name, Least others know, thou know'st the same.

Skil

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Skill comes too flow, and life so fast doth flic.

We learne so little, and forget so much.

Vid. Learning.

Labour.

Where ease abounds, it's death to do amisse,
But who his limbs with labours, and his minde
Behaues with cares, cannot so easie misse:
Abroad in armes, at home in studious kinde,
Who seekes with painfull toyle, shall honor sconest

Ed, Spencer.

(finde)

Learne with the Ant in sommer to prouide,
Drive with the Bee the drone from out the hive.

Build like the Swallow in the sommer tide.

D. Lodge.

Much labor is too litle, that should houshold charge defraye.

W. Warner.

---Industry well cherisht to his face, In sun-shine walkes in spight of sower disgrace.
M. Roydon.

The noblest borne dame should industrious bee, That which doth good, disgraceth no degree.

G. Chapman.

Let Mandeuile example be to men not to be idle
In amorous passions: labour is to love at least a bridle.

VV. Warner.

Adams labour in Eden.

--- Edens earth was then so fertill and so fat,.
That he made only sweet assaies in that.
Of skilfull industry and naked wrought,
More for delight, then for the game he sought.

In

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In briefe, it was a pleasant exercise, ... Alabour likte; a paine much like the guise ... Of cunning dauncers, who although they skip Run, caper, vault, trauerle and turne and trip, From morne til euen, at night againe full meery Renew their dannee, of dauncing neuer weary: Or els of hunters; that with happie lucke, Rowling betimes some often breathed bucke Or goodly stagge, their yelping hounds vncouple, Wind loud their horns, their hoppes & hallows double Spurre on and spare not, sollowing their delive: Themselues vnweary, though their hacknies tire. Bur for in th'end of all their iollure. Their's found much stifnesse; sweat and vanitie; I rather match it to the pleasing paine Of Angels pure, who euer floth distaine. Or to the Suns calme course, who plainlesse aye About the welkin poalteth night and day! I. Syl. Translo

Learning.

Oblessed letters that combine in one
All ages past, and make one line withall:
By you we do conferre, with who are gone,
And the dead-lining vnto counsaile call.
By you the vnborne shall have communion
Of what we feele, and what doth best befall.

S. Daniell.

By the cleare beames of learnings light,
We tread the obscure pathes of Sages right,
----But that learning in despight of fate

Idem.

Will

Will mount aloft and enter heaven gate:
And to the feat of Ione it selfe advance,
Hermes had slept in hell with ignorance.
Yet as a punishment they added this,
That he and povertie should alwaies kis.
And to this day is every scholler poore,
Grosse gold from them runnes headlong to the boore.
Ch. Marlowe.

Of little worth is learnings worthy skill,
Where Pilots wisedome is not perfect still.
Corinnaes praise, and Sapphoes are discerned
About the rest, because they both were learned.
S. I. Harr. Transl.

K. Cecrops and his royall feed did honor Athence so, As that from thence are said the springs of sciences to W. Warner. (flow.

- Lechery

Next vnto him rode lustfull Lechery
Vpon a bearded Goat, whose rugged haire
And whally eyes (the signe of sealousse)
Was like the persons selfe whom he did beare,
Who rough and blacke and filthy did appeare:
Vnseemly man to please faire Ladies cie,
Yet he of Ladies oft was loued deare,
When fairer faces were bid standen by,
O who doth know the bent of womens fantasse?

Ed. Spencer:

Incontinence, dull sleepe, and idle bed, Ail vettue from the world have banished.

The

164 THE CHOTSEST FLOWERS The tickling flames which our fond soules surprizes (That dead a while in Epilepsie lies) Doth starke our sinewes all by little and little, Drawing our reason in sow e pleasure brittle. I. Syl. Transl. Loue comforteth like sun-shine after raine, But lusts effect, is tempest after sunne: Loues gentle spring doth alwaies fresh remaine, Lusts winter comes ere sommer halfe be donne. Loue surfets not, but like a glutton dies, Loue is all truth, lust full of forced lies. W. Shakespeare. Where whoredome raignes, there murder follows fast, As falling leaves before the winters blast. R. Greene. Lust is a fire, and for an houre or twaine Giueth a scorching blaze, and then he dies. H.C. O deeper sinne then bottomlesse conceit Can comprehend in still imagination: Drunken desire must vomit his receit, Ere he can see his owne abhomination: While lust is in his pride, no exclamation Can cure his heate, or raigne his rash desire, Tilllike a lade, selfe-will himselfe do tiré. VV. Shakespeare. Lust neuer taketh ioy in what is due, But leaues knowne delights to seeke out new. S. Daniell. In chassitie is euer prostuute, Whose trees we loath when we have pluckt the fruite. G. Chapman. Eschue

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Eschue vile Venus toyes, she cuts offage, And learne this lesson of (and teach thy friend) By pocks, death sudden, begging, harlots end. M. of M.

The lechars toong is neuer voyd of guile,
Nor Crocodile wants teares to win his praie:
The subtillest temptor hath the sweetest stile,
With rarest musicke, Syrens soon'st betraie.

M. Drayton.

Lust puts the most vnlawfull things in vre,
Nor yet in limits euer could be bounded,
Till he himselse himselse hath quite consounded.

Idem.

Abandon lust, if not for sin, yet to auvyd the shame, So hogs of Ithacus his men the Latian witch did frame.

UU. Warner.

That great Phisition that had liu'd in helth & age admirde, Didanswer askt the cause, not he had done, as flesh desirde. Idem.

The Spartans war for rapted queene to Ilions ouerthrow, The Monarch of Assiria chang'd, and Latine kings also, For Tarquins lust. Idem.

Each house for lust a harbor and an Inne,

Each citie is a sanctuary for sinne.

And all do pitie beautie in distresse, If beautie chaste, then onely pittilesse.

M. Drayton.

Lawes.

Deriue thy lawes from wifest heads, to be upholden still, Not adding or abstracting, as conceited tirebrains will.

M 3

Encoss-

Eucourage good men by thy lone, reforme the bad by lame, Reserve an eare for either plea, and borrow leave of awe. UU. VVarner.

In vaine be counsells statutes, humaine lawes, When chiefe of Councells pleades the iustest cause. M. Drayton.

So constantly the Judges conster lawes, That all agree still with the stronger cause. M. of M.

Pansamias and Lisander, by their swords And worlike vertues mode Lacana rich, Fame followed them where they the tents did pitch, But grave Licurgus by his lawes and words, Did merit more then these renowned Lords.

Licurgus for good lawes, lost his owne libertie, And thought it better to prefer common commoditie. G. Gascoigne.

D. Lodge.

That Lawyer thogh he more by art the right doth overthrow Consents to sin, asceines the Indge, wrog right is instice foe. UU. VVarner.

Libertie.

Sweete libertie to vs giues leaue to fing, What world it was where love the rule did beare, How foolish chaunce by lots rul'd euery thing, How errour was maine saile, each wave a teare.

The Mriloue himselfe; deepe sighes weare winde, Cares rowd with vowes, the ship vnmerry minde. Falle kope as firme oft turn'd the boate about, In constant faith stood up for middle mast,

Dispaire

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Dispaire the cable, twisted all with doubt, Held griping griese the piked Anchor fast, Bewtie was all the rockes.

VV. Watson.

Oliberty how much is that man blest,
Whose happie fortunes do his fates areede,
That for deserts rejoyces to be freede?
The Storer.

Sweete libertie the lifes best living flame.

I. Markban.

Our lands may come againe, but libertie once lost, Can neuer find such recopence as counteruals the cost.

G. Gascoigne.

Learne freedome and felicitie, bankes flying where they list, Be kindlier & more sound then hankes best tended to the fist. vv. vvarner.

He lines to die a noble death, that life for efreed once spends.

Idem.

The watchword of rebellion euer vide,
The idle Eccho of vncertaintie
That euermore the simple hath abuide.

S. Daniell.

Life.

--- All mans life me seemes a Tragedic, sull of sad sighes and sore Catastrophes, irst comming to the world with weeping cie, Where all his dayes like dolorous Trophies, Are heapt with spoyles of fortune and of seare. And he at last laid forth on balefull beare.

Ed. Spencer.

Our

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Our life is but a step in dustie way. S. Phil. Sidney.

This mortall life as death is tride, And death gives life.

M. Roydon.

What in this life we have or can desire, Hath time of grow'th and moment of retire.

D. Lodge.

Our bodies, every foot-step that they make,
March toward death, votill at last they die:
Whether we worke or play, or sleep or wake,
Our life doth passe, and with times wings doth flie.

I. Davies.

The life of man a marfare right, in body and in soule, Resignes his robbed carkasse to be rolled in the mould.

W. Warner.

--- The terme of life is limited.

Ne may a man prolong or shorten it, The souldier may not moue from watchfull stid, Nor leave his stand untill his captaine bid.

Ed. Spencer.

The longer life I wot the greater sin,
The greater sin, the greater punishment.

Idem.

Thus passeth with the ouerplus of life,
The pleasant spring and flower of mortall life:
The Aprils pompe once subject to decay,
Returnes not in the bud that earst was rife.
Whilest mornings weepe, the lively flower doth bost,
Then pluck the stalke, and let not it be lost.

D. Lodge.

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The sunne doth set and brings againe the day, But when our life is gone, we sleepe for aye.

Th. Ach.

Sunne sets and riseth, goes downe and quickly reviveth, But mans light once out, eternall darknesse abideth.

Ab. Fraunce.

All mortall men must from this life be gone,
Of life and death, there are more soules then one.
The greatest and most glorious thing on ground,
May often need the helpe of weakest hand,
So feeble is mans state, and life vnsound,
That in assurance it may never stand,
Till it disordered be from earthly band.

Ed. Spencer.

The restlesse life which men here lead,
May be resembled to the tender plant:
It springs, it sprouts, as babes in cradle breed,
Flourish in May, like youthes that wisedome want,
In Autumne ripe, and rots least store waxe scant.
In winter shrinkes and shrowdes from every blast,
Like crooked age, when suffic youth is past.

G. Gascoigne.

The wicked livers oftentimes have wicked ends.
S. 1. H.

Life is not lost said she, for which is bought
Endles renowne, that more then death is to be sought.

Ed. Spencer.

Better it is for one to liue obscure, Then in a publike state to liue vnsure,

Th

D. Lodge.

No life is blest that is not grac't with loue.

B. Ihanson.

They

They double life that dead things griefe sustaine, They kill, that feele not their friends living paine. G. Chapman.

That life's ill spar'd that's spar'd to cast more bloud.

S. Daniell.

Loue.

Of Loue's perfection perfectly to speake,
Or of his nature rightly to define:
Indeed doth farre surpasse our reasons reach,
And needs this priest t'expresse his power divine:
For long before the world he was yborne,
And bred about in Venus bosome deare,
For by his power the world was made of yore,
And all that therein wondrous doth appeare.

Ed. Spencer.

Loue is the Lord of all the world by right,

And rules the creatures by his powerfull faw:

All being made the vassalls of his might,

Through secret sence, which thereto doth them draw.

Idem.

Vapour eterne in man, in beast, in tree, In plant and flower is loue, (and so of might) For in the world may not contained bee, Without accord and Loues imperial right.

Yet wends the foxe in holy hood full oft, And crast in stead of truth, beares crest alost.

D. Lodge.

That true Loue which dauncing did invent,

Is he that tun'd the worlds whole harmonie,

And link't all men in sweete societie,

He

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He first exaulted from th'earth mingled minde, That headenly fier or quintessence divine, Which doth such sympathy in bewtie finde. As is betwixt the Elme and fruitfull Vine, And so to beautie ever doth encline.

Lifes life it is, and cordiall to the hart, And of our better part, the better part,

I. Davies.

Sweete loue is a celestiall harmonie,
Of likely hearts compos'd of hearts consent,
Which ioy together in sweete sympathie,
To worke each others kind and true content,
Which they have harboured since their first discent,
Out of these heavenly bowers, where they do see
And know each other here belou'd to bee.

Ed. Spencer.

lron with wearing shines, rust wasteth treasure
On earth, but Loue there is no other pleasure.

H. Constable.

Loue a continuall fornace doth maintaine.

Idem.

Wealth maister is, and porter of the gate, That lets in loue, when want shall come too late.

Th. Churchyard.

---Loue to heaven is fled,
Since sweating lust on earth vsurpt his name,
Vnder whose simple semblance he hath fled
V pon fresh bewtie blotting it with blame,
W hich the hot tyrant staines, and soone bereaues,
As caterpillers, do the tender leaves.

W. Sh.

Loue is a spirit all compact of sier, Not grosse to sinke, but light and will aspire. Idem.

Loue is a golden bubble full of dreames, That waking breakes, and fills vs with extreames.

G. Chapman.

Loue is a discord and a strange divorce,
Betwixt our sence and rest, by whose power,
As mad with reason, we admit that force,
Which wit or labour neuer may divorce.
It is a will that brooketh no consent,

It would refuse, yet neuer may repent.

--- Loue's a defire, which for to waight a time,

Doth loose an age of yeares, and so doth passe, As doth the shadow seuerd from his prime, Seeming as though it were, yet neuer was.

Leaving behind, nought but repentant thoughts, Of dayes ill spent; of that which profits noughts.

It's now a peace, and then a sudden warre, A hope consumde before it is conceiu'd, At hand it feares, and menaceth a farre, And he that gaines, is most of all deceiu'd.

Loue whets the dullest wits his plagues be such,
But makes the wise by pleasing, dote as much.

E.O.

Loue is a brain-sicke boy, and sierce by kind, A wilfull thought, which reason cannot moue,

A flattering Sycophant, a murdering theefe,
A poysoned choaking baite, a ticing greese.
A Tyrant in his lawes, in speech vnknowne,
A blindfold guide, a seather in the winde:

Aright

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. A right Chamelion for change of hew, A lame-lime-lust, a tempest of the minde. A breach of charitie, all vertues foe, A private warre, a toilsome web of woe. A fearefull iealousie, a vaine desire, A labyrinth, a pleasing miserie, I shipwracke of mans life, a smoakelesse fier, A ship of teares, a lasting lunacie. A heavie servitude, a dropsie thirst, A hellish Iaile, whose captines are accurst. Th. Watson. L sugred harme, a poyson full of pleasure, I painted shrine, ful fill'd with rotten, treasure, In heauen in shew, a hell to them that proue, A broken staffe, which fully doth vehold, Hower, that fades with every frossie cold: In Orient rose, sprung from a withered plant, I game in seeming, shadowed still with want, I minutes ioy to gaine a world of griefe, A subtill net, to snare the idle minde, which is the same of I seeing scorpion, yet in seeing blinde, poore reioyce, a plague without teliefe, D. Lodge. oue is a smoake made with fume of sighes, eing purg'd, a sier sparkling in Louers eies, eing vext, a sea, nourisht with louing teares, What is it else? a madnesse most distrest, choaking gall, and a preserving sweet, W. Shakespeare.

is a doubled griefe, a sparke of pleasure, egot by vaine desire, and this his love:

Whom

Whom in our youth, we count our chiefest treasure. In age for want of power we do reproue,

Yeasuch a power is Loue, whose losse is paine,

And having got him, we repent againe,

D. Lodge.

Loue the Idle bodies morke and surfet of the eye.

W. Warner:

Lone is but a terme like as is Eccho but a voice,

That this doth babble, that doth breed, or not, is ours the

(choice,

Whose finall force still hangeth in suspence.

D. Lodge.

Loue is a wanton famine, rich in foode;
But with a riper appetite controlled,
An argument in figure and in moode:
Yet hates all arguments; disputing still,
For sence against reason, with a sence essent.

G. Chapman.

Of every ill the hatefull father vile;
That doth the world with forceries beguile,
Cunningly mad religiously prophane,
Wits monster, reasons canker, sences bane,
Loue taught the mother that vnkind desire,
To wash her hands in her owne Infants blood.
Loue taught the daughter to betray her sire
Into most base and worthy servicude:
Loue taught the brother to prepare such soode;

To seast his brothers, that all seeing sunne Wrapt in a cloude that wicked sight did shunne.

I, Daines.

Loui

Loue is a fowre delight, a sugred griefe,
A living death, an ever dying life,
A breach of reasons law, a secret cheefe,
A sea of teares, an everlesting strife.
A baite for sooles, a scourge of noble wits,
A deadly wound, a shot which ever hits,
Loue is a blinded god, and angry boy,
A labyrinth of doubts, an idle sust,
A slave to beweres will, a wittesse toy.
A ravening bird, a tyrant most vinust,
A burning heate, a cold, a flattering ioy,
A private hell, a very world of woe.

Th. UVatson.

The scorne of vertue, vices parasite,
The scorne of vertue, vices parasite,
The slaue to weakenesse, friendships false bewraier,
Reasons rebell, fortitudes betraier.
The churchmes staffe, court, camp, & countries guider,
Arts infection, chaste thoughts, and youths defiler.

I: UVeeuer.

Controlling Loue, proud fortunes busie factor, The gall of wir, sad melancholies schoole, Heart-killing corsiue, golden times detractor, Life-fretting canker; unschiefes poysoned toole, The Ideots ydle brother, wise mens foole.

A foe to friendship enemie to truth, The wrong misseader of our pleasing youth.

M. Drayton.

--- Loue is roote and onely crop of care, (rare. The bodies foe, the hearts annoy, & cause of pleasures

The sicknesse of the minde, the fountaine of vnrest,
The gulfe of guile, the pit of paine, of griefe the hollow
A fiery frost, a flame that frozen is with Ice, chest:
A heavie burden, light to beare, a vertue fraught with
It is a worldlike peace, a safetie seeing dread, (vice.
A deepe dispaire, annext to hope, a fancie that is fed,
Sweete poyson for his taste, a port Charibdis like,
Ascylla for his safetie, though a Lyon that is meeke.

Th. Turberusle.

O any thing of nothing first created:
O heavie lightnesse, serious vanitie,
Mishapen Chaos of well seeing formes,
Feather of lead, bright smoke, cold sier, sicknes, helth,
Still waking sleepe, that is not what it is,
W. Shakespeare.

Sight is his roote, in thought is his progression,
His childhood wonder, prentiship attention:
His youth delight, his age the soules opression,
Doubt is his sleepe, he waketh in invention.
Fancie his soode, his cloathing carefulnesse,
Beautie his booke, his play, Louers discention.
His eies are curious search, but vaild with warefulnesse,
His wings desire, oft clipt with desperation:
Largesse his hands, could never skill of sparefulnesse.
But how he doth by might or by perswasson,
To conquer, and his conquest how to ratisfe,
Experience doubts, and schooles had disputation.
S. Ph. Sidney.

Loue hath two shafts, the one of beaten gold, By stroake whereof, a sweete effect is wrought: The other is of lumpish leaden mold,

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And worketh no effect but what is nought.

Th. Watson.

At Venus intreatie for Cupid her sonne,
These arrowes by Vulcan were cunningly done:
The sirst is Loue, as here you may behold,
His feathers head and body are of gold.
The second shaft is Hate, a soc to loue,
And bitter are his torments for to proue.
The third is Hope, from whence our comfort springs,
His feathers are puld from Fortunes wings.
Fourth, lealousse in basest mindes doth dwell,
This mettall Vulcans Cyclops sent from hell.

G. Peele.

Hard is the doubt, and difficult to deeme,
When all three kinds of loue together meet;
And do dispart the heart with power extreame,
Whether shall waigh the ballance downe; to weet
The deare affection vnto kindred sweet,
Or raging fier of loue to woman kinde,
Or zeale of friends combinde with vertues meet.
But of them all the band of vertues minde,
Mescemes the gentle heart should most assured finde,
Ed. Spencer.

Of vertue onely, perfect loue doth grow, Whose sirst beginning though it be more slow. Then that of sust, and quickens not so fast: Yet sure it is, and longer time doth last. The strawe inkindles soone, and slakes againe, But yron is slow, and long will heat retaine.

Th. Hudson.

Most true it is that true loue hath no power To looken back, his eyes be fixt before. W.Sha.

Loue alwaies doth bring forth most bounteous deeds, And in each-gentle heart desire of honor breeds. True loue is free, and led with selfe delight, Ne will inforced be with masterdome or might,

1 Loue naked boy hath nothing on his backe, And though he wanteth neither arme nor legge, Yet maim'dhe is, sith he his sight doth lacke: And yet (though blind) he bewtie can behold, And yet though nak'd, he feeles more heat then cold. H.C.

Loue staies not long, it is but one yeares bird. The Churchyand.

Loue must have change to season sweet delight. Idem.

Loue, lawes and Judges hath in fce, Nature and vse his judges bee: To whom his whole course censures flee, Since past, and things to come they see. G. Chapman.

Loue is in pomer felt of all, in person found of none, Or rather is not reall but some fancie; If not, then Fantasticall in momen, but essentiall in men. W. Warner.

Loues eyes in viewing neuer haue their fill. W. Marlowe,

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This is the least effect of Cupids dart,
To change the mind by wounding of the hart.
Th. Watson.

Vnto the woods runs lone, as well as rides to the pallace,
Neither he beares renerence to a prince, nor pitie to beggers
But (like a point amidst of a circle) still of an enemnesse,
All to a lesson he drawes, neither hills nor canes can anoyd
S. Phil. Sidney.

(bim)

The throne of Cupid hath an easie staire,
His barke is fit to saile with enery winde:
The breach he makes, no wise man can repaire.
Ed. Fairfax.

--- Loue will have his godhead seene In famous queenes, and highest princes hearts. S. I. H.

Loue wants his eyes, yet shootes he passing right,
His shafts our thoughts, his bowe he makes our sight,
His deadly pilles are tempered with such art,
As still directs the arrow to the hatt.

M. Drayton.

In stoutest minds, and maketh monstrous warre,
He maketh warre, he maketh peace againe:
And yet his peace is but continuall warre,
O miserable men, that to him subject are,
Ed. Spencer.

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First loue is firme and toucheth very neare.

W. Warner.

Loue vnto life this cognizance doth giue,
This badge, this marke, to every man that minds it:
Loue lendeth life, which living cannot die,
Nor living, love.

G. Gascoigne.

Loue is too full of faith, too credulous, With folly and falle hope deluding vs. Ch. Marlowe.

Loue is not full of mercy as men say,
But deafe and cruell where he meanes to pray.

Idem.

Loue paints his longings in sweet virgins eyes. G. Chapman.

---Loue gainsaid: growes madder then before.

Th. Watson.

Loue findeth meane, but hatred knowes no measure.

Ed. Spencer.

As Bacchus opes dissembled harts, So loue sets out our better parts.

M. Roydon.

As loue hath wreathes his pretie eyes to seare, So louers must keep secret what they seare. D. Lodge.

Loue keeps his reuels where there are but twaine.

W. Shakespeare.

As Iris coate in sundry taints doth showe, So loue is clad in weale, and strait in woe. D. Lodge.

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Loue can abide no lam, loue alwaies loues to be lawlesse, Loue altereth nature, rules reason, mastereth Olympus: Lawes, edicts, deerees, contemnes Ioue mightily thundring, Ioue that rules and raigns, that with beck bendeth Olympus. Loue caried Hyppolitus with briars & thorns to be mangled For that he had the faire foule lusting Phedra refused. Loue made Absyrtus with sisters hands to be murdred And in peeces torne, and here and there to be scattered. Lone forst Pasiphae mans company long to be leathing, And for a while bulls flesh, bulls company long to be taking. Loue and luring lookes of louely Polixena caused Greekish Achilles death when he came to the church to be Loue made Alcides that most invincible Heros, (medded. Maister of ali monsters, at length to be whipt of a monster. Loue drownd Leander, swimming to the beautifull Hero, Unto the towne Cestos, from towne of cursed Abydos. Lone made Ioue that's ruler of earth, and ruler of heaven, Like to a filly shepheard, and like to the fruitfull Echidua. Like to a fish, to a swan, a spawne, to a bull, to an eagle: Sometimes Amphitrio, sometimes Dictinua resembling. Ab. Fraunce.

Frissing attempts no serious acts aduance, The sier of loue is blowne by dalliance.

G. Chapman.

----Where there growes a sympathy of harts, lach passion in the one, the other paineth:
And by even carryage of the outward parts,
Wherein the actuall worke of love remaineth.)
The inward griefes, mislikes and loves are taught,
and every signe bewraics a secret thought,
D. Ledge.

N 3

Loue deeply grounded, hardly is dissembled. Ch. Marlowe.

O bold beleeuing loue, how hote it seemes, Not to beleeue, and yet too credulous: Thy weale and woe are both of them extreames, Dispaire and hope makes thee ridiculous. The one doth flatter the inthoughts vnlikely, The likely thoughts the other killeth quickly.

(hookes, W. Sha.

Loue goes towards loue, as schoole boyes from their But loue from loue toward schoole with heavy lookes. Idem.

--- Loue can comment vpon euery woe. Iden

Cupids deep rivers have their shallow fordes His griefe bring ioyes, his losse recompences. He breeds the fore, and cures vs of the paine, Achilles launce, that wounds and heales againe.

Ed. Fairfax.

Wonder it is to see in divers mindes, How dwerfly love doth his pageant play, And shewes his power in variable kindes: The baser wir whose idle thoughts alway Are wont to cleaue vnto the lowly clay. It stirreth vp to sensual desire, And in leaud sloth to waste his carelesse day, But in braue spirits it kindles goodly sire, That to all hie desert and honour doth aspire. Ed. Spencer.

Such ones, ill judge of loue that cannot loue, Ne in their frozen hearts feele kindly flame:

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For thy they ought nothing vnknowne reproue, Ne naturall affection faultlesse blame. For it of honor and all vertue is

The roote, and brings forth glorious fruites of fame.
That crowne true louers with immortall blisse,

The meed of them that love, and do not live amisse.

Idem.

The persons must in passions iumpe else loue is but a game, Nor thinke I of a womans graunt, but as a wooers game. VV. Warner.

Pure loue said she, the purest grace pursues, And there is contract not by application: Of lippes or bodies, but of bodies vertues, As in our elemental motion.

Starres by their powers, which are their heat and light, Do heavenly workes, and that which hath probation By vertue all contract hath the noblest plight, Both for the lasting and affinitie It hath with naturall divinitie.

G. Chapman.

Loue is a lord of truth and loyaltie,
Lifting himselfe out of the lowly dust:
On golden plumes up to the purest skie,
Aboue the reach of loathly sinfull lust.
Whose base affect through cowardly distrust
Of his weake wings dare not to heavens flie,
But like a mold warpe in the earth doth lie.

Ed. Spenser.

---One louing howre
For many yeares of forrow can dispence,
A dramme of sweet, is worth a pound of sowre.

Idem.

Louis

Loue and maiestie dwell ill together.

S. Daniell.

The ioyes of loue, if they should ever last
Without affliction or disquietnes:
That worldly chaunces do among them cast,
Would be on earth too great a blessednes.
Liker to heaven then mortall wretchednes:
Therefore the winged God to let men weet
That here on earth is no sure happines,
A thousand sowres hath tempered with one sweet,
To make it seems more deare and daintie as is meet.

Ed. Spencer.

True it is said, what ever man it said,
That soue with gall and hony doth abound:
But if the one be with the other waid,
For every dramme of hony therein found,
A pound of gall doth over it abound.

Idem.

Loue hath delight in sweet delicious fruite,
Loue neuer takes good counsell for his friend.
Loue author is, and cause of idle care.
Loue is destraught of wit, he hath no end.

Loue shooteth shasts of burning hot desire, Loue burneth more then either slame or fire.

Loue doth much harme through lealousies assault.

Loue once imbrac't will hardly part againe.

Loue thinkes in breach of faith there is no fault.

Loue makes a sport of others deadly paine.

Loue is a wanton childe, and loues to brall, Loue with his warre brings many soules to thrall.

Th. Watfon.

----Gods

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Ione steales from skies to lie by Ladaes side:

Arcas descends for faire Aglauraes sake,

And Sol so soone as Daphne is espide,

To follow his chariot doth forsake.

Idem.

Is loathsome in his owne deliciousnesse,
And in the tast confounds the appetite,
Therefore Loue moderately long loue doth so,
Too swift arrives as tardie as too slowe.

W. Shakespeare.
--- The rights

In which Loues beautious empresse most delights,
Are banquets, Doricke musicke, midnight reuelling,
Plaies, maskes, and all that sterne age counteth euill.

Ch. Marlowe.

Those easily men credit whom they loue.

S. Daniell.

Play with the fire, yet die not in the flame,
Shew passion in thy words, but not in hart,
Least whe thou think'st to bring thy thoughts in frame
Thou proue thy selfe a prisoner by thy art.

Play with these babes of loue, as Apes with glasses,

And put no trust in feathers, wind or lasses.
D. Lodge.

The greedie moone along her giddie spheare,
Boads not such change in her inconstant course,
No crimte comet in the waine of yeare,
No using rage nor swelling of sourse.

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As Loue in shape, in substance and effect, But Gods and men with fury doth in sect,

A morning starre (that peereth from the pride

Offiluer floate) bedew'dand sparkling bright,

Borne from the second forme of waters glide,

The queene of Loue, the mistresse of delight.

Aye such is loue in semblance at the first,

But his effects are cruell and accurst.

D'Lod,

Albeit bewtie moues to loue, and loue doth make thee sue, Better at first be nonsuite, then at length not to subdue.

W. Warner.

It hath bene when as heartie love did treat and tie the knot, Though now if gold but lacking be, the wedding fadgeth not. Idem.

Loue learnes rural wits and base borne brats to be reading, Heartburning secrets, and wonder's daintily written, In faire flaming eyes, by the hand of buely Cupido.

A. Fraunce.

Loue nill consent that bewties field lie waste.

Ed. Fairfax. (minde,

Tis often seene, Loue workes a man a weake deiected For euer seene, a womans loue doth alter as the winde.

W. VVarner.

No stile is held for base, where love well named is, Each eare suckes up the words a true love scattereth. S. Ph. Sydney.

All losse is lesse, and lesse the infamy,

Then losse of loue to him that loues but one,

Ne may loue be compeld by maisterie,

For as soone as maisserie comes sweete soue anon:

Taketh

l'aketh his nimble wings, and soone is gone. Ed. Spencer.

for cuery pleasure that in lone is found, A thousand woes and more therein abound. Th. Wat son.

Like as a nibling fish that halfe mistrusts The golden shew of an enticing baite, Makes many offers for the thing she lusts, Daring to deale with that she deemes deceite: So plaies the amorous God with his faire prize, Whom love and lust bids board, but shame denies. Ch. Middleton.

From these hie hills as when a spring doth fall, It thrilleth downe with still and subtill course, Of this and that it gathereth aide, and shall Till wit haue iust done, flowed to streame and force, Then at the foote, it rageth ouer all: So fareth Loue when he hath tane a course. Rage is vaine relistance vaileth none, The full issue is remedie alone. E. of Surrey.

Not all the writs Diana hath, can Cupids plaint remone. W. Warner.

--- Lordly Loue is such a Tyrant fell, That where he rules, all power he doth expell. Ed. Sp.

Is Love compelled be and cannot chuse, How can it gratefull or thanke worthy proue? Loue must free harted be and voluntary.

And not enchaunted or by fate constrain'd, Nor like that love which did Ulisses carry, To Circes lle with mightie charmes.

I. Dames.

Where heate of Loue doth once possesse the hart,
There cares oppresse the minde, with wondrous ill,
Wit runnes awrie, not fearing subtill smart,
And fond desire doth euer maister will.

The belly neither cares for meate nor drinke,

Nor ouerwatched eyes desite to winke.
Footesteps are falle, and wavering too and fro,
The brightsome flower of beautie fades away,
Reason retires, and pleasure brings in woe,
And wisedome yeeldeth place to blacke decay.

Councell and fame, and friendship are condemned, And bashful shame, and Gods themselves contened.

Watchfull suspect is kindled with dispaire, Inconstant hope is often drownd in feares: What folly hurts not, fortune can repaire,

And miserie doth swim in seas of teares.

Long vse of life is but a liuing foe, As gentle death is onely end of woe. Th. Watson.

Vnlawfull meanes doth make loue lawfull gaine, He speakes most true when he the most doth faine.

M. Drayton.

As many bees, as Hybla daily sheelds,
As many frie as fleet in Oceans face,
As many heards as on the earth do trace,
As many flowers as deckt the fragrant fields,
As many flarres as glorious heaven containes,

As many cloudes as way ward winter weepes,

Is many plagues as hell enclosed keepes,

o many griefes in Loue, so many paines,

uspicions, thoughts, desires, opinions, praiers,

listikes, misseeds, fond ioyes, and fained peace,

lusions, dreames, great paines, and small encrease,

lowes, hope, acceptance scornes and deepe dispaires.

D. Lodge.

he gnawing enuie, the heartfretting seare, he vaine surmises, the distinct sull shewes, he false reports that flying tales do beare, he doubts, the dangers, the delaies, the woes, he sained friends, the vnexpected soes, lith thousand more then any tongue can tell, o make a Louers life a wretches hell.

Ed. Spencer.

is folly by our wisest worldlings prou'd, f not to gaine by loue) to be belou'd,

B. Ihonson.

gainst Loues fier feares frost hath dissolution.

W. Shakespeare.
Greater conquest of hard Loue he gaines,
hat workes it to his will, then he that it constraines.
Ed. Spencer.

nto a Knight there is no greater shame, hen lightnes and inconstancie in loue.

Idem.

bues weeping flames, by reason do subdue fore their rage grow to so great vnrest, miserable louers vse to rue, hich stil wax old in woes whil'st woestil waxeth new Ed. Spencer,

Old Loue is litle worth when new is more preferd.

Idem.

Who can shew all his love, can love but lightly.

S. Daniell.

No man from the monarch loue by wit or weapo flies.

W. Warner.

Ed. Spencer.

Loue thriues not in the heart, that shadowes dreadeth.

W. Shakespeare.

Gather I say, the Rose while it is time,
For soone comes age that will her pride deflame:
Gather the Rose of Loue while yet is time,

Whil'st louing, thou mai'st loued be with equal aime.

Ed.Sp.

O learne to loue, the lesson is but plaine, And once made perfect, neuer lost againe. UV. Shakespeare.

Promise, protest and sweare without regard,
That God doth see and know their falshood still,
And can and shall revenge it at his will.
Their oathes but words, their words are all but wind.
Vttered in heart, and with like heart forgotten.
As bundles are trust vp coards all totten.
Coincise is nought, but worst to be too kind;
Men care not for the good that soone is gotten:
But women of their wits may chiefly boast.
That are made wiser by an others cost.
S. I. H.

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He that bindes himselfe in worthy bands, Although his shew but grace him small: Although he finde no fauour at her hands, Sharp words, coy lookes, small thanks, hope none at all, Though more and more, aloofe from him the stands; Yer for his heart and thoughts be highly placed, He must not mourne, although he die disgraced. Idem.

Dumbe Swans, not chattering Pies do Louers proue, They loue indeed, who dare not fay they loue.

S. Ph. Sydney.

The Louer and beloued are not tied to one Loue. TOU. Sh.

He that on Loues blind snares once sets his foote, Seemeth to draw it backe, but findes it caught, And madnesse meere in Loue to ouershoote, The foole hath felt, the wise hath euer taught. And though in all alike it take not roote, Yet all shall finde, Loue is a thing of nought. for sure it is, an open signe of madnesse, To have an others pleasure breed thy sadnesse.

S. I. Harrington.

The birds their beake, the lion hath his taile, And louers nought but sighes and bitter moane, l'he spotlesse force of fancie to assaile.

D. Lodge.

weete are the kisses, the embracements sweete, When like desires, and affections meste: for from the earth to heaven is Cupid raised, Vhere fancie is in equall ballance peized.

Ch. Marlowe,

Foule words and frownes must not repell a Louer,
What though the Rose hath prickles, yet tis pluckt,
Were bewtie under twentie locks kept fast,
Yet Loue breakes through, and breakes them all at last,
W. Shakespeare.

If pleased themselves, others they delight:
In such like circumstance, with such like sport,
Their copious stories oftentimes begun,
End without audience, and are never done.

Idem.

A Louer may bestride the Gossamours, That Idles in the wanton sommer aire, And yet not full so light is vanitie. Idem.

The Dutch in love is proude, Italians envious, The French man full of mirth, the Spanyard furious.

Magicke.

The first they naturall do name,
In which by hearbes and stones they will
Worke wondrous things, and worthy fame.
The next is Mathematicall,
Where Magicke workes by nature so,
That brazen heads make speake it shall,
Of woods, birds, bodies, flie and go,
The third Veneficall, by right
Is named, for by it they make
The shape of bodies chang'd in sight
And their formes on them to take.

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----Oh who can tell

The hidden power of hearbes, and might of magicke

Ed. Spencer, (skill?

Man.

In time convenient this world Almightie created,

And it a large theater to behold, his glory appointed:

Which whe he had with store of treasures richly replenisht,

And with aboundant grace causd every part to be furnisht,

Man was made at length, Adam was quickly created

Most perfect creature, and like to the mightie Creator,

Tood wit, immortall, of mankind only beginner.

But proud ambition the serpent crastily cloaking,

With curst and bitter sweete, his cankred poyson abounding.

Idam disposses of pleasant beautifull harbors.

Idams heart possess with most unspeakable horror.

Man was mard at length, Adam was fouly defaced.

Last worke and lost worke, Adam was filthily sowled:

Lost cursed creature, unlike to the mightie Creator,

Lad, soolish, mortall, of mankind only the murderer.

A. France.

----Vile man begot of clay, and borne of dust.

Ed. Fairfax.

I an composed first of slime,

Ooth live to lead his daies in strife:

Ind as the heavens do that dispose,

o shuts and spreads he with the rose.

D. Lodge.

ime ouer old and yoong is still revolued, Vithin it selfe, and never tasteth end: ut mankind is to nought for aye reserved,

The

The filthy snake her aged coat can mend.
And getting youth againe, in youth doth flourish:
But vnto manage ever death doth send.
The very trees with grafting we can cherish:
So that we can long time produce their time,
But man which helpeth them, helplesse must perish.
S. Phil. Sidney.

O trustlesse state of miserable men,
That build your blisse on hope of earthly thing:
And vainly thinke your selues halfe happie then,
When painted faces with smooth flattering.
Do fawne on you, and your wide praises sing.
And when the courting masker louteth low,
Him free in heart, and trustie too you know.

Ed. Spencer:

He that comparde mans body to a hoaste,
Said that the hands were scouts discouering harmes:
The feet were horsemen thundering on the coaste.
The brest and stomacke soe-men, huge in swarmes,
But for the head in soueraigntie did boast,
It captains was, directer of alarmes.

Whose rashnesse if it hazarded any ill, Not he alone, but all the hoast did spill.

I. Markeham.

Bach creature not gradging at mans glorie,

Vinto his life becomes contributorie. Idem. (ter
Like flouds in sommer, or flowing springs in the win

So man consumeth:

No trust or sirmenesse in life, that flies like a shadow? What then alas is man

That so presumeth?

D. Lodge.

Th

The shadow of the clocke by motion wends, We see it passe, yet marke not when it parts: o what is mans declines, and sudden ends, ach thing begins, continues and converts.

Idem.

----Man to woman giueth all perfection, and as our chiefe Philosophers do say, Voman by man is perfect made each way.

I. V.Veener.

--- Man is loaden with ten thousand languors, Il other creatures only feele the angors of fewe diseases; as the gleaming quaile, only the falling sicknes doth assaile. The turne-about and murraine trouble cattle, ladnesse and quincie bid the massife battle.

I. Silnester.

doth exceed mans thought to thinke how hie od hath raild man, since God a man became: he Angels do admire this mysterie, and are astonish when they view the same.

I. Danies.

len do not know what they themselues will bee, hen as more then themselues, themselues they see.

S. Daniell.

ke as the fatall rauen that in his voyce tries the dreadfull summons of our deaths, les by the faire Arabian spiceries, er pleasant gardens and delightfull parts, eming to curse them with his hoarse exclaimes: nd yet doth stoupe with hungry violence, pon a peece of hat stull carrion.

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So wretched man displeas'd with those delights, Would yeeld a quickning sauour to his soule, Pursues with eager and vnstanched thirst, The greedy longings of his loathsome sless.

G. Peele.

Man is a little world, and beares the face
And picture of the vniuerfitie:
All but resembleth God, all but is glasse,
All but the picture of his maiestie.
Man is the little world (so we him call)
The world the little God, God the great all.

Th. Bastard.

Is made by man to stoppe with slender raine:
But man himselfe his lust and fond desire
Is sildome drawne by reason to refraine.
Tis hard to stop, but harder to retire,
When youthfull course ensueth pleasure vaine.
As beares do breake the hines and weake detences,
When smell of hony commeth to their sences.

S. I. H.

Great Pompey in the midst of victorie,
Ali vnexpected happened to his end:
And Casar in his greatest maiestie
Vntimely murdered by his dearest friend.
Such are mens best estates, more wretched they,
In greatest pompe most subject to decay.

Ch. Midleton.

What doth make men without the parts of men,
Or in their manhoods lesse then children
But manlesse all this world was named
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A world of him for whom it first was framde
Who like a tender cheuerell shrunke with fire
Of base ambition, and of selfe desire)
His armes into his shoulders crept, for feare
Bountie should vse them, and sierce rape for beare,
His legs into his greedy belly runne,
The charge of hospitalitie to shunne)
In him the world is to a lumpe reuerst:
That shrunke from forme that was by forme disperst.
And in nought more then thanklesse auarice,
Not rendring vertue her deserved price.

G. Chapman.

Like as rude Painters that contend to showe
Beasts, sowles, or fish, all artiesse to bestowe
On every side his native counterfet,
Above his head his name had need to set.
So men that will be men in more then face
As in their forheads) should in actions place
More perfect characters to prove they be
No mockers of their first nobilitie.
Els may they easily passe for beasts or soules,
Soules praise our shapes, and not our shapes our soules.

Idem.

When as men all do know, then nothing know. S. Daniell.

---The milder passions doth show man.
For as the leafe doth bewtisie the tree,
The pleasant flowers bedeck the flourishing spring,
Euen so in men of greatest reach and power,
A mild and piteous thought augments renowne.

D. Ladge

D. Lodge.

No man before his end is truly blest.

T. Dekkar.

- Man to man, as beast to beast, holds civil duties vain.

W. Warner.

Mans inward parts are colder and the nummer,
When outwardly they feele a boyling sommer.
Mans voyce in every ones opinion, is but an airie

D. Lodge. (repercussion.

Marriage.

Hymen that now is god of nuptiall rights, And crownes with honor love and his delights. G. Chapman.

Before them on an altar he presented
Both fire and water, which was first invented:
Since to ingenerate every humane creature
And every other birth produc'st by nature,
Moysture and heate, must mix, so man and wife
For humane race, must io yne in nuptiall life.

Idem.

----In Athence

The custome was, that every mayd did weare
During her maydenhead, a silken spheare:
About her waste about her inmost weed
Knit with Mineruaes knot, and that was freed
By the faire bridegroome on the mariage night,
With many ceremonies of delight.

Idem. (line a maid, Shouldst thou but dream what mariage is, thou wouldst not One hart of two, two soules of one, by wedlocke is connaid.

UU. VVarner.

Beleeue me man, theze is no greater blisse,

Then

Then is the quiet loy of loning wife:

Which who so wants, halfe of himselfe doth misse. iriend without change, play-fellow without strife. ood without fulnesse, counsaile without pride, sthis sweet doubling of our single life.

S. Phil. Sidney.

n choyce of wife, preferre the modelt chaste,
Lillies are faire in shew, but fould in smell:
The sweetest lookes by age are soone defaste,
Then choose thy wife by wit and louing well.
Who brings thee wealth, and many faults withall,
Presents thee hony mixt with bitter gall.

D. Lodgo.

Wild fauages that drinkes of running springs,
I hinkes water faire, exceeds all other things.
But they that daily taste meate, nere despite it,
Virginitie, al besome highly prise it,
Compar'd with marriage, had you tride them both,
Differs as much, as wine and water doth.

(h. Marlow. (sweet soule is,

All touch sweet, tast sweet, eie sweet, eare sweet, sweet sence, A vertuous match, but vicious loue in all contrary this.

W. Warner.

One is no number, maides are nothing then Without the sweet societie of men.

Ch. Marlow.

----Marriage will soone destroy

Those passions which to youthfull head do clime,

Mothers and nurses of all vaine annoy. Idens.

----Wretched wedlock breeds but hated hear, Where no loue seemes so sweet, as stolen and secret.

D. Lodge.

Offer

Offer no loue rights, but let wives still seeke them, For when they come vnsought, they sildom like them. B. Iohnson.

By tasting fruite that God did him forbid,
So he that curiously will search to know
All that his wife hath said, or what she did,
May fortune at the last himselfe beshrow. S. I. H.
Let him that his wife to his bent will drawe,
Match with a virgin and keepe her in awe.
To loue, and wed for loue, is perfit blisse.

G. Turb.

His be the hurt that lookes not ere he wed.

The husband may the woman make or marre.

Idem.

We are not male nor female borne, that we should fruitlesse
W. Warner. (die.

--- Experience bidding vs, doth bidvs lay to thrine.
The first degree to which say some, is warily to wine:
But wife if shrow or saint become (as not vnlike) a shrow,
Then is that first degree to thrift, the third degree in woe.

Idem.

Let nothing seuere those whom God doth linke. S. I. H.

To wandring Dina, may be witnesse well
That secret mariage that to sewe is kend,
Doth neuer lead the souers to good end.
For of our bodies we no power may claime,
Except our parents do consirme the same. Th. Hud.
We worldly folkes account him very wise,
That hath the wit most worthily to wed,
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y all meanes therefore, alwaies we deuise
of see our issue rich in spousals fed,
Ve buy and sell rich Orphans; babes scant bred
Aust match, ere they do know what marriage meanes:
oyes marrie old trots, old fooles wed yoong queanes.
Ve call this wedding, which in any wise
Lan be no marriage, but pollution plaine:
I new found trade of humaine marchandize,
I he diuells net, a filthy selfuly gaine,
Of kind and nature, an vnnaturals staine:
I foule abuse of Gods most holy order,

And yet allow'd almost in euery border.

M. of M.

A filthy trull, is irksome to the cie,

A gallant gyrle allures the lookers mind:

A wanton wench will have the head to die,

An aged trot to like, is hard to find.

A bearing wife with brats, will cloy the store,

A greater care then childrens care is none:

A barren beast will grieve thee ten times more,

No ioy remaines when sappe of fruite is gone.

Wherefore let wiving goe live single aye,

A shrew we see is wedded on a day,

But ere a man can shift his hands tis long.

G. Turb.

Maladie.

Fast by old age pale Maladic was plac't,
Sore sicke in bed her colour all forgone,
Berest of stomacke, sauour, and of taste,
Ne could the brook no meate but broaths alone.

Abhorring

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Abhorring her her sicknesse past recure, Detesting phisicke, and all phisicks cure.

M.iSackuill.

Sicknesse the herauld of armes, hearts, and all. Th. Storer.

Th'humorous sicke, remouing, find no ease, When chaunged chambers helpe not the disease, S. Daviell.

--- O sicknesse thou art oft betide,
When death hath many woes to come beside. Idem.

Might.

The meanest fault is hie offence, vrg'd of a mighty foe.
W. Warner.

To shadow sinne Might can the more pretend. M. Dr.

When of two powers ther's true conjunctione.

Idem.

Power constrain'd is but a glorious slaue.

Ed. Fairfax.

From which, much, if not most, earths glory springs:
If vertues selfe were clad in humaine shape,
Vertue without these, might go begand scrape.

I. Marston.

Vnited powers, makes each the stronger proue. S. Ph. Sydney.

--- Honey words make foolishnesse, And power the greatest wit with error blinds. D. Ledge. All as the highest trees do sheeld the shrubs, From posting Phlegons warmth, and warming fier, So mightie men obscure each others fame, And make the best deserver fortunes game.

Idem.

--- Excellencie neuer beares this minde, By no inferiour skill to be definde.

Th. Storer.

Where power decreed hath to find th'offence, The cause is better still, then the defence.

S. Daniell.

Miserie.

His face was leane and some deale pinde away,
And eke his hands consumed to the bone:
But what his body was I cannot say,
For on his carkasse, rayment had he none.
Saue cloutes and patches peeced one by one,
With staffe in hand, and scrippe on shoulder cast,
His chiefe defence against the winters blast.
His food for most, was wilde fruites of the tree,
Vnlesse some crummes fell to his share,
Which in his wallet long, God-wot kept he,
As one the which full daintily would fare:
His drinke the running streame his cup, the bare
Of his palme clozd, his bed the hard cold ground,
To this poore life, was Miserie ybound.

M. Sackuill.

--- This Iron world

Brings downe the stoutest hearts to lowest state, For Museric doth brauest mindes abate,

And

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And makes them seeke for that they wont to scorne, Of fortune and of hope, at once forlorne.

Ed. Spencer.

--- He hath a foolish fantasie,

That thinkes to find a friend in miserie.

G. Gascoigne.

O Miserie, where once thou art possest,
How soone thy faint infection alters kind,
And like a Circe, turnest man to beast,
And with the body dost transforme the mind,
That can in setters our affection bind.

M. Drayton.

But being lowe, neuer relieu'd by any.

W. Shakespeare.

Have falne and headlong too, in Miserie, It is some comfort to have companie.

G. Peele.

Men flie from foes, but not from Miserie.

M. Drayton.

Let him that sees his private Miserie
Auoyd the prospect of prosperitie:
It breeds pale envie, and sad discontent
Procures offence before a profered wrong.
Torments it selfe till all conceits are spent,

And thoughts deliuered by malitious tongue,

Then rapt with violent fury goes so strong, That it enuenomes all our humaine parts,

Blind judging in eyes, and sence confounding harts

Th. Storer.

Melancholy.

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Melancholy.

By passion mou'd, into the vaines doth runne: Which when this humour as a swelling floud, By vigour is insused in the bloud, The vitall spirits doth mightily appall, And weakeneth so the parts Organicall, And when the sences are disturbed and tir'd, With what the heart incessantly desir'd Like trauellers with labour long opprest, Finding reliefe, est some sthey fall to rest.

Thou nursing mother of faire wisedomes lore, Ingenious Melancholy.

I. Marston.

Those men to Melancholy given, we Saturnists do call.

Memorie.

This Lidger booke lies in the braine behinde,
Like lanus eye which in his poll was set:
The lay mans table, Storehouse of the minde,
Which doth remember much, and much forget.

I. Danies.

Here sences apprehensions end doth take,

As when a stone is into water cast:

One circle, doth an other circle make,

Till the last circle touch the banke at last,

Remebrance is the life of grief, his graue forgetfulnes.

Ed. Fairfax.

Remem-

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Remembrance fresh, makes weakened sorrows strong.

Idem.

Mischiefe.

The cause once gone, th's ffects thereof surcease,
And muschies being prevented whil's they are young
Cannot braunch forth themselves to do that hurt,
That time, their natures, and bad men would worke.

Ch. Middleton.

A Mischise scene may easily be preuented, But being hapt, not helpt, yet still lamented. M. Drayton.

Faire goodnesse is foule ill, if mischieses wir, Be not represt from leaud corrupting it.

Idem.

Mischiefe is oft made good by speeding well.

S. Daniell.

Mercie.

Some Clarkes do doubt in their devisefull art,
Whether this heavenly thing whereof I treat,
To weeten Mercie be of Justice part,
Ordrawne forth from her by divine extreat.
This well I wot, that sure she as great,
And meriteth to have so hie a place:
She first was bred and borne of heavenly race,
From thence powr'd downe of men by influence of

Ed. Spencer.

(grace.

O who shall shew the countenance and gestures. Of Mercie and instice; which faire sacred sisters, With equal poize do euer ballance euen,

Th'vn-

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How deare is mercie having power and will, When pittie helpes where equitie doth kill?

M. Drayton.

Minde.

The Minde hath in it selse a deitie,

And in the stretching circle of her eie,

All things are compast, all things present still

Will fram'd to power, doth make vs what we will.

G. Chapman.

It is the minde that maketh good or ill.

That makes a wretch, or happie, rich or poore,

For some that have a boundance at their will,

Have not inough, but want in greatest store.

An other that hath little, askes no more,

But in that little is both rich and wise.

Ed. Spencer.

The Minde is free what ere afflict the man, A King's a King, do fortune what she can.

M. Drayton.

--- The Minde times enemie, oblivious foe, Disposer true of each note worthy thing.

Ed. Fairfax.

Our mindes discerne where eies could neuer sce. M. Draiton.

And nearest comes to a divinitie,

That farthest is from spots of earthes delight,

Pleasures that loose their substance with their sight,

Such one Saturnius ravisheth to love,

And fills the cup of all content to love.

G. Chapman,

The

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 200 The setled mind is free from fortunes power, They need not feare who looke not vpaloft: But they that are too carefull euery hower, For when they fall they light not very soft. M. of M. What plague is greater then the griefe of minde? The griefe of mind that eates in every vaine: In euery vaine that leaves such clods behinde, Such clods behind as breed such bitter paine. So bitter paine that none shall euer finde What plague is greater then the griefe of minde. E. of Ox. Ill mind, to mind so much of others ill, As to become vamindfull of his owne. Ed. Spencer. Into our minds let vs a little fall, And we shall finde more spots then leopards have. S. Phil, Sidney.

O vanitie of mans vnstable minde, Puft vp with euery blast of friendly winde. Ed. Fairfax.

In base minds no friendship dwels, nor emnitie.

Ed. Spencer.

Oft times we see that sorrowes of the minde Finde remedie vnsought, which seeking cannot finde, Ed. Spencer.

Weak body wel is chang'd for minds redoubled force. Idem.

So moue our minds, as motions moue the aire.

M. of M.

Nor is it but our minds that make our natine homes our The state of the s

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As we to ours, others to theirs, like parciall fancie houe.

Transmut we but our minds, and then all one an alien is,

As if a natine once resolu'd, makes enery country his:

VV. Warner.

Monarchs.

Augustus quailing Anthony was Emperour alone, ...
In whose vinfoed Monarchy our common health was knowned W. Warner.

A mighty monarch must whilest greening youth doth Make one or two or three proofes of his pecules power: For valour is the gate of honour beautified,

The first staire step it is wherby good hap doth guide, Our feete to glories mount; and nothing hartens so. The men of armes to fight, as valiant prince (we know) But afterward he must with wary wisedome warre: More often with his wit, then with his weapon farre.

And feeding so his spirit with sweet sharpe easie paine. Not keep a souldiers place, but captains roome retaine.

Mildnesse fitteth maiestie, hie minds are disalowed.

No man from the Monarch lone by wealth, or weapon flies.

Idem:

Mildnelle would better suite with maiestie Then rash reuenge and rough seueritie. M. Drey.

Murder.

Black hell-bred humor of fier-venging sin,
By whose inticements murders we commit:
The end withought of talkly we begin,
Letting our passion outerwhelms our wit.

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o may and will not, murder in truth committeth. S. Phil. Sidney.

punishes scapes, from hainous crime some one, vnreueng'd, in mind and body none!

e cruell man a cruell death shall tast, d blood with blood be venged at the last.

I. Syl.

ose that in blood such violent pleasure haue, dome descend but bleeding to their grave.

B. Iohnson.

ngeance on minde the fretting furies take, e sinfull corps like earth-quake agues shake. eir frowning lookes, their troubled minds bewray, hast they run, and midst their race they stay. gidded Doe: amidst their speech they whist, meate they muse; no where they may persist. t some feare netleth them, aye hang they so, neuer wants the wicked murderer woe.

M. of M.

Muses:

ips of K. Ione, and Queene remembrance loe, he Sisters nine, the Poets pleasant pheers: nd worthy praises paints of princely peers. to in sullen songs reneweth all day, lith present yeares conjoyning age by past, elightfull talke, loues comicall Thalia. ifresh green youth, who doth lawrell tast. With voyces tragical lounds Atelpomen,

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And as with chaines th'allured eares she binds,
Her strings when Terpsichor e doth touch, euen ther
She toucheth hearts, and taigneth in mens minds,
Fond Erato, whose looke a louely cheare
Presents in dauncing, beares a comely grace,
With seemly gesture doth Pollymnie stirre place.
Whose words whole routs of rankes doo rule,
Uraine her globes to view are bent,
The nino sold heaven observes with fixed face,
The blessed Entrope tunes her instrument
With solace sweete, hence heavy dumps to chace.
Lord Phabus in the midst, whose heavenly spirit
These Ladies doth inspire.

E. of Surrey.

The golden brood of great Apolloes witte.

Ed. Spencer.

Sweet Lady Muses, Ladies of delight, Delights of life, and ornaments of light. Idem.

Then followed on the Mules sacred nine,
With the first number equally divine:
In virgins white, whose lively may den browes.
Were covered with tryumphant lawrell browes:
And on their garments painted out in glory,
Their offices and functions in a story:
Imblazoning the fury and conceat
V V hick on their sacred company await.

M. Drayton.

From these the Muses only are deriu'd,

VVhic

hich of the Angels were in nine contriu'd, ese heauenly inspired babes of memory, hich by a like attracting sympathy, lloes prophets in their furies wrought, lin their spirit inchaunting numbers taught, each such as at poesse repine, t it is only heavenly and divine. manisest her intellectuall parts, ing the purest of the purest arts. vnto these as by a sweet consent, sphery circles are æquiualent: the first mouer and the starry heaven, lorious Phabe, lowest of the seuen. ch Ioue in tunefull Diapazons framde, eauenly musicke of the Muses name hich the soule in her divinitie er Creator made of harmonie, est she in fraile and mortall flesh doth live er nine sundry offices do giue: h offices vnited are in three, h like the orders of the Angels bee, suring thus by the number nine oule, like to the Angels is divine.

--Provide ye Princes whilest ye live, of the Muses ye be friended be:
n vnto men eternitie doth give,
ey be daughters of dame memorie,
me, the father of Eternitie.
o those men in golden thrones repose,
merits they to glorisie do choose?

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The seuenfold yron gates of grisly hell,
And horrid house of sad Proserpina,
They able are with power of mighty spell,
To breake, and thence the soules to bring away
Out of dread darknesse to eternal day.
And them immortall make which els would die
In sowie forgetsulnesse, and namelesse lie.

Ed. Spencer.

Recorded by the Muses live for aye,
Ne may with storming showers be washt away.
Ne bitter breathing windes with harmfull blast,
Nor age nor envie shall them ever last.

Idem.

The Muses not long since intrapping loue In chaines of Roses linked all aray: Gaue bewrie charge to watch in their behoue

With Gracesthree, least he should wend away.
Who fearing yet he would escape at last,

On hie Parnassus top they clapt him fast.
When Venus vnderstood her soone was thrall.
She made post haste to have god Vulcans aide:
Sold him her Iemmes and Ceston therewithall,
To raunsome home her sonne that was betraid.

But all in vaine, the Muses made no store. Of gold, but bound him faster then before.

Th. VVatson.

The Muses basely beg or bibbe or both and must for They find as bad Bestoe, as is their portly beggery.

vv vvarner.

Alberta Control Control

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Musicke.

TO DIALENGED ATOURS.

Thou sweet Musicker dauncings only life, he eares sole happinesse, the aires best speech: ad-stone of sellowship, charming rod of strife, he soft minds paradize, the sicke mans leechs ith their own tongue that trees & stones canst teach. That when the aire doth daunce her finest measure, Then art thou borne, the gods and mens sweet plea-

without breath no pipe doth moue,

Musicke kindly without loue. The interior Vice-

A. S. Phil. Sidney ... v was an game in the

ch men as full had lost their hearing quites to and many such as in their drinke lay drownd, amon reuin'd with tunes of grave delight: wods and I And Theophrass when ought his mind oppress.

Vide Musicke sound to bring himselfe to rest, ith sound of Harpe Thiles did make recured with such as laie with pestilence for sorne:

I the Organ pipes Xenocrates made pure of the main did not the organ pipes Xenocrates made pure of the minds to make the worne.

Th. UVatson

me that report great Alexanders life; and all and less life; and that harmony so mould his minde; and the role from meate to warlike strife; sound of Trompe, or noyse of battell kinde. And then that Musicks force of softer vaine, Caus dhim returne from strokes to meate againe.

Idene.

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Nature.

Nature.

Nature in which diminitie doth shine,
Liucly presenting vinborne deitie:
Is that same spirit of reason most divine,
Which causeth every naturals worke to be.
All things she doth preserve, and can refine
Muddy pollutions from impietie.
Philosophy can teach no art nor ground,
Which Nature (elder borne) had not first found.

I. Markham.

Prescribing truth to wit, and good to will,
Which do accuse, or els excuse all men,
For every thought or practise good or ill:

Nature aboue all things requireth this, That we our kind do labour to maintaine.

S. Phil. Sidney.

Nature which headlong into life doth throng vs
With our feere forward to our grave doth bring vs:
What is lesse ours, then this our borrowed breath?
We stumble into life, we go to death.

The Bastard.

Inexplicable nature by the God of nature wroght, (thoght Makes things seeme miracles to some to some not wonders.

And every climates people both as they are men and live,

Do differ: if observed, she not admir a doth give.

The workman rather the the work extoll we, though in he Not curiously, and all things to his providence refer.

W. Warner.

Natur

Nature hath powi'd inough in each mans lappe, Could each man learne to vie his private happe. Th. Storer.

Are natures faults, not their owne infamic.

streetic VV. Shakespeare.

Nature is Learnings eyes, the natures thought, Vie wanting either, is imperfect made, They without vie, no better then a shade.

I. Markham.

.-- Nature seemeth onely faire in chaunge.

... D. Lodge.

--- Where nature failes in strength she addes in with

Nature giues bewtie, sortune wealth in vaine.

Ed. Fairfax.

She coucts not impossibilities,
Fond thoughts may fall into some Idle braine,
But one assent of all is cuer wise.

I. Danies.

Nature doth hate and shunne her contrarie.

Idem.

Who loues preferment, needs must loue the giver.

Th. Storer.

Nobilitie.

If to be noble and hie thy mind be moued, Consider well the ground and thy beginning, For he that hath each starre in heaven fixed,

And

And gives the moone her hornes and her eclipfing,
Alike hath made the noble in his working:
So that wretched no way may st thou bee,
Except foule lust and vice do conquet thee.

Let each man cracke of that which was his owne,

Our present vertues are theirs, and no whit ours:

Who therefore will of noble birth be knowne;

Ought shine in vertue like his auncestors.

Gentry consisteth not in lands and townes,

He is a churle though all the world were his,

Yea Arthurs heire if that he lin'd amis.

M. of M.

Behold of nobles new the diverse sourse, Some vertue raiseth, some climbe by sluttish sorts: The first though onely of themselves begunne, Let circle-wise into themselues do runne, Within themselues therefore vnited so, Both endlesse is, and stronger gainst their foe: For when ends it that never hath begunnes Or how may that hath not end, be vindone? The other as by wicked meanes they grew, And raignd by flatterie, or violence; so soone rue. First stumbling step from honours old is vice, Which once stept downe, some linger, none arise To former Type: but they catch vertues spray, Which raiseth them that climbe by lawfull way. Beware to rife by seruing princely sust, Surely to stand on mean, is rising just. M. of M.

Free said the said the way

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The Role although in thornie shrubs she spread, Is still the Role, her bewties waxe not dead.

And noble mindes, although the court be bare,

Are by resemblance knowne how great they are.

R. Greene.

A noble minde disdaineth servitude.

Th. Kyd.

True noblenesse neuer doth the thing it should not.

Idem.

The noble heart that harbours vertuous thought,
And is with childe with glories great intent:
Can neuer rest vntill it forth have brought
Th'eternall broode of glory excellent.

Ed. Spencer.

Old Age.

--- Next in order, sad old Age we found,
His beard all hoare, his eyes hollow and blinde,
With drouping cheere still poaring on the ground
As on the the place where valour him assign'd
To rest, when as the sisters had vntwind
His vitall thred, and ended with their knife,
The fleeting course of fast declining life.

M. Sackwill.

Crookt backt he was, tooth-shaken and bleare eide, Went on three seete, and sometime crept on source, With old lame bones that rathed by his side, His scalpe all pild, and he with eld for lore. His withered fist still knocking at deaths dore, Fumbling and driveling as he drawes his breath, In breese, the shape and messenger of death.

G. Gasceigne. Transl.

THE CHOTSEST FLOWERS Old age and winter do accord full nie, This chill, that cold, this crooked, that awrie. Ed. Spencer. --- He that plies the laps and lips of Ladies all his time, And fals to arms when age fails arms, then also looseth time: As if a beare in Moone-shine, shuld attempt the Moone to W. VVarner. Our infancie is feeble, and our lustie youth vnstaid, Our manhood carking, and our age more loathed then obaid. Our heires max sickish of our health, too long our here abode Mean while the never to our graves, the farther we fro God Gripple in works, testie in words, loathfor for most at legth, And such at foure score, as at foure, for maners wit and Idem. (strength. Eld is ordaind to counsell, youth to fight, Age to soresee, young courage to inact. D. Lodge. Skill and experience good companions beene, Age knoweth what soeuer youth hath scene. Decrepit age and hoary filuer haires, till craueth helpe of lustie youthfull yeares. G. Gascoigne is a common point whereon the aged grolly runne, nce to have dared said, & seene, more then was ever done. W. Warner. --- The equal age doth equal life defire. S. Daniel. iall drops God knowes do quench age heatlesse fire, hen all the strength is onely in delire. M. Drayton. Opinion.

Opinion.

O male-content seducing ghuest, Contriuer of our greatest woes: Which borne of winde and fed with showes, Dost nurse thy selfe in thine vnrest, Judging vngotten things the best, Or what thou in conceit designest. S. Daniell.

Thou all things in the world dost deeme, Not as they are, but as they seeme, Idem. Thou soule of pleasure, houres onely substance, Great arbitrator, vmpire of the earth, Whom fleshly Epicures call vertues essence Thou mouing Orator, whose powerfull breath Swaies all mens judgements. Great Opinion, I. Marston.

Opinion is as various as light chaunge, Now speaking courtlike friendly, straight as strange. Shee's any humours perfect paralite, Displeased with her, and pleased with her delight. Shee is the Eccho of inconstancie, Soothing her no with nay, her I with yea. E. Guilpin,

This syren or Opinion, wind-borne lame, Seeking to ease vs, brings vs to vorest: For it adjudgeth nothing it doth see, By what it is, but what it seemes bec.

I. Markham: 300 it was a second

We must in matters morall, quite reiect Vulgar Opinion, euer led amisse:

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And let aurenticke reason be our guide, The wise of truth, and wisedomes gouernesse. G. Chapman.

Opportunitie.

Opportunitie thy guilt is great, Tis thou that execut'st the traitors treason, Thou setst the wolfe where he the lambe may get, Who euer plots the sinne, thou points the season. Tis thou that spurn'st at right, at lawiers reason: And in thy shady Cell where none may spie him, Sits sinne, to feare each soule that wanders by him. W. Shakespeare.

Faire Opportunitie can winne the coyest she that is, (art, Then he that rules her game some vaine, & tepers toies with Brings loue that swimmeth in her eyes, to dine into her hart. W. Warner.

When loue hath knit two parts in perfect vnitie, They seldome faile to finde th'opportunitie. S. I. Harrington.

Occasion.

Occasion's wingd, and euer flyeth fast, Comming she smiles, and frownes once being past. M. Drayton.

Now by the forehead let vs take Occasion, Least after all our trauell and expence, He hide away his haire, and turne his balld, And we inprouident bethought and calld.

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If lust or age doth minde assaile,
Subdue Occasion, so thou shalt prevaile.

Idem.

True judgement sleight regards Opinion.

Opinion how dost thou molest
Th'affested mind of restless man?
Who following thee neuer can,
Nor euer shall attaine to rest,
Forgetting what thou saist is best,
Yet loe that best he findes farre wide,

Of what thou promisest before,

For in the same he look's for more,

Which proues but small when once is tried-

S. Daniell.

He onely treads the sure and perfect path
To greatnesse, who love and opinion hath.

Idem.

Let vs esteeme Opinion as she is Fooles bable, Innouations mistris.

The Proteus Robin good fellow of change, Smithfield of laded fancies, and th'exchange

Offleeting censures, nurse of heresie,

Begot by nature on inconstancie,

Its but the kille of griefe, the peoples noise, The tongue of humors and fantastick voice,

Of hairebraind apprehension: it respects

With all due titles, and that due neglects

Euen in one instant.

Ed. Guilpin.

Patience.

Patience. ...

Patience doth beare a neuer pierced sheeld,
Whose brightnesse hath enforc't more monsters yeeld,
Then that of vgly Gorgons head was made.

I. Syluister.

Patience is angers subject, and controll'd
With every fury, which men would redresse,
But cannot do it, for she is gentle milde,
Orecome and kept downe like a strengthlesse childe,
Ch. Middleton.

Patience a praise, forbearance is a treasure,
Sufferance an angell, a monsser rage.

Ed. Fairfax.

Let gentle Patience profit thee, for Patience is athing, Whereby a begger gaineth of a discontented King.

Man in himselfe a litle world doth beare,

His soule the Monarch ever ruling there,
Where ever then his body do remaine,
He is a King that in himselfe doth raigne,
And never feareth fortunes hot'st alarmes,
That beares against her Patience for her armes.

M. Drayton.

The lesser pangs can beare, who hath endur'd the chief T Ed. Sp.

What fortune hurts, let Patience onely heale, No wisedome with extremities to deale.

M. Dr.

By patient sufferance could we mildly beare With fortune, yet we equally might share, And oucromining that which all do feare.

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Nho in distresse from resolution flies, s rightly said to yeeld to miseries.
That life is only miserable and vile, from which saire Patience doth it selfe exist. Idem. Though eyes want sight of that they would see saine, The thought yet sees, and heart with patience likes it: Long absence greeues thee when they meet againe, Absence delights, and doth more pleasant make it to serue and sue long time for little gaine. So that all hope do not quite forsake it)
One may endure, for when the paine is past Reward though long it staie, yet comes at last.

S. I.H.

Let Brontes and blacke Steropes

Sweat at the Forge their hammers beating:
An houre will come, they must affect their ease,

Though but while mettall's heating.

And after all their Ainean ire,

Gold that is perfect will out live the fire.

"For Fury wasteth, "As Patienc lasteth.

, No armor to the Mind: ,, He is shoot-fire

From Injury,

That is not hurt; not hee, that is not hit : 100 100 100

So Fooles we see,

Oft scape their Imputation, more through luck, then

B. Ichnson. (wit.

and the first on one

Passion.

Passion devours, but time digests our woe

Passion

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Passion beares hie, when pussing witts do blowe: But is indeed a toy, if not a toy, True cause of euils, and cause of cause doth showe.

S. Phil. Sid

They only aptest are for to reueale Their private passions who the same do feele.

D. Lodge. None doth line not passionate of lone, ire, mirth or griefe. W. VVarner.

A man may not of passions judge aright, Except his mind be from all passions free: Nor can a ludge his office well acquite, If he possest of either partie bec.

I. Danies.

Parents.

It is as common as vnkind a fault In youth (too subject to this worlds assault) To imitate, admit, and daily chuse Those errors which their lawlesse parents vse.

D. Lodge.

If damned dice the father doth affect, The selfe-like folly doth his heire infect. If lust, to lust the sonne is to procliue, If fraud, by fraud his wanton race will thriue. If furfit, furfit is efteem'd no fin, For youth perseuers as he doth begin.

Idem.

--- From damned deeds abstaine, From lawlesse riots and from pleasures vaine. If not regarding of thy owne degree,

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or we are docible to imitate

Depraued pleasures, though degenerate.

c carefull therefore least thy sonne admit

y eare or eye things silthy or vnsit. Idemic

The Babe is blest that godly parents bred,

and sharpe-sweet tutors traine in louing dred:

out chiefly that (in tender cradle bed)

Vith sincere milke of pietie is fed.

I. Syd.

---Charitable, godly, wise and continent were sit bould parents be; so prosper they, theirs, and whom they beget.

---Oft we see men so fond and blinde
o carry to their sonnes too much affection:
hat when they seeme to love they are vakinde,
or they do hate a childe that spare correction.
S. I. H.

--- Parents'thoughts in loue, oft steppe awry.

G. Péele:

Our parents age worle then our graund-lyres bee, Ve worle, beget our children worle then wee. Th. Storer.

Peace.

21--Mother of the liuing, second nature

Of th'elements, fire, water, earth and aire:
The grace whereby men clime the headenly chaire,
Whence voyd, this world harbors no happie creature.
Viller of lawes, religions pedestall,
Tope of the glory, glory of the immortall.

Lonor of cities, pearle of kingdomes all,

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The nurse of vertues, Muses chiefe supportall. Patron of arts, of good the special spring.

I. Syluester.

Heauens sacred nymph, faire goddesse that renuest
The goldenage, and brightly now revewest,
Our cloudy skie, making our fields to smile,
Hope of the vertuous, horror of the vile.
Virgin vnscene, in France this many a yeare,
Oblessed peace, we bid thee welcome heere.

Idem.

O holy peace by thee are only found, The passing ioyes that every where abound.

G. Gascoigne. Transl.

Doth nourish vertue, and fast friendship breeds,
Weak the makes strong & strong things does increas
Till it the pitch of highest praise exceeds.
Braue be her warres, and honorable deeds,

By which she tryumphs ouer ire and pride, And wins an Olive garland for their meeds.

Ed. Spencer.

Peace doth depend on reason, warre on sorce,
The one is humane, honest and vpright:
The other brutish, sostered by despight.
The one extreame, concluded with remorse,
The other all iniustice doth divorce.

Peace brings in pleasure, pleasure breeds excesse, Excesse procureth want, want worse distresse. Distresse contempt, contempt is not repaired, Till livelesse death determine hope dispaired. Warres greaest woes, and miseries increase, Fl

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Flowes fro the surfets which we take in peace. B. lohn.

Pleasure.

Physche in stedfast loue and happie state
With Cupid liues, and hath him borne a childe,
Pleasure that doth both Gods and men aggrate.

Ed. Spencer.

Most easie is the way and passage plaine,
To Pleasures pallace; it may soone be spide,
And day and night her doores to all stand open wide.

Idem.

Ier face was wan, a leane and withered skin,
Ier stature scant three horssoues did exceed:
Ier haire was gray of hue, and very thin,
Ier teeth were gone, her gummes seru'd in their steed.
Io space there was betweene her nose and chin,
Ier noysome breath contagion would breed.
In fine, of her it might have well bene said,

n Nestors youth the was a prettie maid.

S. I. Harr.

poysoned hooke that lurkes in sugred bait
Pleasures vaine, that in this world are found:
Thich like a subtill theese do lie in wait
of wallow man in sinke of sin prosound.

Idem.

b--Reuels, daunces, maskes and merry howers, orerun faire loue, strowing her way with flowers, w. Sha.

Pleasure thou the very lure of sin,
he roote of woe, our youths deceitfull guide:
thop where all insected persons bin,
he bait of sust, the instrument of pride.

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Inchaunting Circes smoothing couert guile, Alluring Syren, flattering Crocodile.

M. Drayton.

Pleasures be poore, and our delights be dead, When as a man doth not enjoy the head.

Idem.

Neuer haue vniust pleasures bene compleat Inioyes intire; but still feare kept the dore: And held backe something from that hell of sweet, To inter sowre vnsure delights the more. For neuer did all circumstances meet With those desires which were conceiu'd before. Something must still be left to cheare our sin, And give a touch of what should not have bin-S. Daniell.

Pleasure is felt, opinion but conceiu'd. Idem:

In feare her arts are learned now a daies, To counterfait their haire and paint their skin? But reasons ring their craft and guile bewraies, No wise men of their paintings passe a pin.

S.I.H.

Too much desire to please, pleasure divorces, Attempts, and not intreat, get Ladies larges. G. Chapman.

Our fond preferments are but childrens toyes, And as a shadow all our pleasures passe: As yeares increase, so waining are our ioyes, And beautie crazed like a broken glasse, A prettie tale of that which neuer was.

M. Drayton.

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--- Pleasures neuer dine but on excesse, Whose diet made to draw on all delight: And ouercome in that sweet drunkennesse, . His appetite maintained by his fight, Strengtheneth desire, but euer weakeneth might. Untill this vicer ripening to an head, Vomits the poylon which it nourished.

Idem.

Short houres worke long effects minutes have change, While pleasure ioyeth, paine more ripe doth growe. Idem.

The secret sweet is sweet est, sweet to fall.

Th. Achilley.

---- To them that know not pleasures price, Allsone, a prison, or a paradice. At. Drayton.

Poesie.

All art is learnd by art, this art alone le is a heavenly gift: no flesh nor bone Can preise the hony we from Pind distill, Except with holy fier his brest we fill. From that spring flowes, that men of speciall choose Consum'd in learning and perfit in prose: For to make verse in vaine dois trauell take, When as a prentile fairer, words will make. . K. of S.

Whilome in ages past none might professe. But princes and hie priests that sacred skill: The facred lawes wherein they wont expresse, And with deepe oracles their verses fill, Then was he held in soueraigne dignitie,

And

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And made the nourling of nobilitie.

But now nor Prince nor Priest doth her maintaine,
But suffer her prophaned for to bee,
Of the base vulgar that with hands vucleane
Dares to pollute her hidden misterie.
And treadeth vudersoote her holy things,
Which was the care of Keysars and of Kings.

Ed. Spencer.

Those numbers wherwith heaven & earth are mou'd, Shew, weaknes speaks in prose, but power in verse.

S. Daniell.

If with his age his verse do well agree.

Amongst our hands, he must his wits resing.

A holy traunce to highest heaven him bring.

For even as humane sury makes the man

Lesse then the man: so heavenly sury can

Make man passe man, and wander in holy mist

Voon the fiery heaven to walke at list.

Within that place the heavenly Poets sought

Their learning, sin to vehere downe it brought.

With verse that ought to Atropos no due,

Dame Natures trunchmen, heavens interpret true.

K. of Scots.

The vaunted verse a vacant head demaunds, ?
Ne wont with crabbed care the Muses dwell,
Vnwisely weaues that takes two webbes in hand.

Ed. Spencer.

O peerlesse Poesie, where is then thy place?

If not in princes pallace thou doest sit,

And yet is princes pallace the most sit.

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Or breach of baser birth doth thee embrace,
Then make thee wings of thy aspiring wit,
And whence thou cam'st fly backe to heaven apace,

Idem.

All art is learn'd by art, but poesse

It is a gift divine, and cannot die. Idem.

Like as into the waxe the seales imprent,

Is like a seale: right so the Poet gent,

Doth grave so vive in vs his passions strange,

As makes the reader halfe in author change,

For Verses force is sike that softly slides,

Through secret poris, and in our sences bides,

As make them have both good and ill imprented,

Which by the learned worke is represented.

K. of Scots.

Who wisely can with profit pleasure minge,
The fairest walking on the sea coast beene,
And surest swimming where the brace are greene,
So wise is he who in his verse can have
Skill mixt with pleasure sports, with doctrine grave.

Idem.

Who ever casts to compasse waightie prise, And thinks to throw out thundering words of threat:
Let power in lawish cups and thristie bits of meat,
For Bacchus fruite is friend to Phabus wise,
And when with wine the braine begins to sweat,
The numbers flowe, as freely spring doth rise.

Ed. Spencer.

Ridledpoesses and those significantly flowe, Differ in eares, as do in mouths the apricocke and sloe.

W. Warner.

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What reason mou'd the golden Augustine
To name our Poetrie vaine errors wine?
Or Hierome deeply sighted in their euils,
To tearme it nothing but the foode of deuils:
Nought but the misimployment of our gifts,
Ordaind for Art, but spent in shamlesse shifts.

D. Lodge.

Looke as the sun-beame in a burning glasse,
Doth kindle fier where ever it doth passe,
But freely spread vpon thengendring earth,
Egges on the spring, and bils the cause of dearth,
So Poesie restraind in errors bounds,
With poisoned words and sinfull sweetnesse wounds,
But cloathing vertue and adorning it,
Wit shines in vertue, vertue shines in it.

Idem.

Poets.

The Greekes do paint the Poets office whole,
In Pegasus their fained horse, with wings,
Whom shaped so, Medusaes bloud did soyle,
Who with his feete strake out the Muses springs
Fro slintie rocks to Helicon that clings,
And then slew up into the starry skie,
And there abides among the Gods on hie:
For who that will a perfect Poet bee,
He must be bred out of Medusaes blood,
He must be chaste and vertuous as was shee,
Who to her power, the Ocean God withstood.
To th'end also his doombe be just and good,
He must as she, looke rightly with one cie,

Truth

Truth to regard, ne write one thing awrie. In courage eke, he must be like a horse, He may not feare to register the right. What though some frowne? thereof he may not force No bit, ne raine his tender iawes may twight, He must be arm'd with strength of wit and sprite, To dash the rocks, darke causes and obscure, Till he attaine the springs of truth most pure. His houes also must pliant be and strong, To rive the rocks of lust and errors blind. In brainclesse heads that alwaies wander wrong, These must be bruis'd with reasons plaine and kind, Till springs of grace do gush out of thy mind: For till affections fond be from thee driven, In vaine is truth told, or good counsell given. Like Pegasus, a Poet must have wings, To flie to heaven, or where him liketh best, He must have knowledge of eternall things, Almightie Ione must harbour in his brest, With worldly cares he may not be opprest. The wings of wit and skill must heave him hier, With great delight to ratifie desier. He must also be lustie, free, and swift, To trauell farre to view the trades of men. Great knowledge oft is gotten by the shift, Things that import he must be quicke to pen, Reprouing vices sharply now and then. He must be swift when touched tyrants chafe, To gallope thence, to keepe his carkas lafe. M. of M.

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A Poet must be pleasant, not too plaine,
Faults to controll, ne yet to flatter vice,
But sound and sweete, in all things ware and wise,
Idem.

Is vertue to aduance, and vice deride.

Ed. Spencer.

Who full doth sound, and emptie, staies to play:
Euen so their fury lasting, lasts their tone,
Their sury ceast, their muse doth stay anone.

K. of Scots.

When heaven would strive to doo the best she can,
And put an Angels spirit into a man,
Then all her powers she in that worke doth spend,
When she a Poet to the world doth send.
The difference onely twixt the Gods and vs,
Allowd by them, is but distinguish thus.
They give men breath, men by their powers are born.
That life they give, the Poet doth adorne:
And from the world when they dissolve mans breath,
They in the world do give man life in death.

M. Drayton.

To mount to heaven, on Pegasus must ride,
And with sweete Poets verse be gloriside,
For not to have bene dipt in Lethe Lake,
Could save the sonne of Thetis for to die,
But that blind bard did him immortall make,
With Verses dipt, in deaw of Castelie,
Which made the Easterne Emperour to crie.
Ofortunate yoong man whose vertue sound

So braue a trumpe thy vertues to refound.

Ed. Spencer.

Phisitions bills not patients but Apothecaries knowes, Some moderne Poets be hardly inward so,
Not intellectually to write, is learnedly they trowe,
Whereby they hit capacities, as blind men hit the crowe.

W. Warner.

As now by melantholy walks, and thredbare coats we gesse. At clients and at Poets none worke more, and prosit lesse: None make to more vnmade of more, the good of other men. For those enrich the gownists, these eternize with their pen. Tet soothly nods to Poets now, are largesse and but lost, For Pallas hermits line secure, obscure in rooses embost.

Idem.

The world and they so ill according bee,
That wealth and Poets hardly can agree:
Fewe live in court, that of their good do care,
The muses friends are every where so rare.

M. Draiton.

He giues a Poet that his verses heares.
But oh Mecenas is yelad in clay,
And great Augustus long ago is dead,
And all the worthies liggen wrapt in lead,
That matter made for Poets on to play
For euer, who in dorring do, were dead,
The lostie verse of them was loued aye:
But after vertue, gan for age to stoupe,
And mightie manhood brought to bed of ease,
The vaunting Poets found nought worth a pease,
To put in preaze among the learned troope,

Tho gan the streames of flowing wits to cease,

Idens

And

And sun-bright honour pend in shamefull coope.

Ed. Spencer.

--- These frugall patrons who begin To scantle learning with a seruile pay, Make Poets thinke their negligence no sin, The cold conceit of recompence doth flay, Their fiery furie when they should begin, The Priest vnpaid, can neither fing nor say, Nor Poets sweetly write, except they meete With some rewards for sermoning so sweete.

D. Lodge.

--- Platoes Common-weale did packe None of those Poets, who by Verse did make The good men euill, and the wicked worfe, Whose pleasant words betraid the publike corse, Nor those who in their songs good termes, alwaies Toynd with faire theames: whil'st thundring on the Of God, iust thunderer; whiles this holy speach, (praise Like Hermes did the way to strayers teach. K. of Scots.

Plentie.

--- Such is th'sfeet of two much store, It makes them loathe that which they lou'd before. Ch. Middleton.

The stately Eagle on his pitch doth stand And from the maine the fearefull foule doth suit, Yet scornes to touch them lying on the land, When he hath felt the sweete of his delight, But leaves the same a pray to every Kite, With much we surfet, Plentie makes vs poore,

The

The wretched Indian scornes the golden Oare.

M. Drayton.

Pollicie.

O pollicie scarce knowne in times that's past,
Or being knowne, yet least of most esteemd,
Thy prouidence most worthily shall last,
And in these latter dayes be better deemd.

I. Markham.

Yet counsell in all Kingdomes pollicied,
Is farre more worthy and more dignified:
For armes but in extreames do neuer serue,
To reconcile and punish such as swerue.

D. Lodge.

He that will gaine what pollicie doth heed, By Mercurie must deale, or neuer speed.

M. Drayton.

Grounded aduice in daunger seldome trips
The deadliest poyson still can safely drinke:
Foresight, stands sast where giddie rashnes slides,
Wisedome seemes blind, when eyed as a Linx
Prevention speakethill, but what he thinkes,
The deadliest hate which smiles securely stands.

Idem.

--- Pollicie religious habit weares.

Idem.

No Pollicie to silence now adaies.

Th. Storer.

Our troubles kept abroad, although to cost, Are well bought out, for least by them is lost.

D. Lodge.

Tis better farre thy enemy to aband

Quite from thy bowers to a stranger soyle,

Then he at home thee and thy country soyle.

M. of M.

The head that deemes to ouertop the skie, Shall perish in his humane pollicie.

R. Greene.

How oft have watching pollicie devizde

A cunning clause which hath himselfe surprizde?

How often hath leaud fraud bene set a flote

Of purpose that his goods might cut his throte?

Who builds on strength by pollicie is stript,

Who hurts his wit by wit, is soonest tript.

D. Lodge.

Endeuours polliticke take small effect,
That wants assistance from the heavenly word:
Beside some helpe must wealth and state afford.
For judgement vttered by the mouth of want,
Is either partiall or admired scant.

Th. Storer.

A Clergie man his calling much impaires, To meddle with the polliticke affaires.

Though Marius could begin and make the fray, Yet Scaurus pollicie deserues the baye.

D. Lodge.

Let Catulus with Pompey be comparde,

Or wittie Cicero with Cateline:

And to prement with pollicie dimine,

That which the other ouer-rashly darde,

Deserves such fame as may not be imparde.

Idem.

Sa

UH UVK ENGLISH FULLS. Say military vertues do require A valiant heart, great strength and constancie: The selfe like gifts in ciuil pollicie, Are requisite for such as do aspire To gaine renowne by counsell for their hire: Idem. A little harme done to a great good end, For lawfull pollicie remaines inacted, The poysonous simple sometime is compacted In a pure compound; being so applied His venome in effect is purified. W. Sha: Pouertie. O pouertie, chiefe of the heavenly broodes Ed. Fairfax. --- Such is the world, this cros-blis world of ours, That vertue hardly hides her setf in poore & desart bowers: And such be best as seeme not best, content exceeds a crowne VV. Warner. --- Powerfull need (arts auncient dame, and keeper) The early watch-clocke of the flothfull sleeper. I. Syluëster. --- Lacke is thrall and flaue to every thing; Th. Churchyard. Need is mistresse of all exercise. Th. Bastard.

A schollers want exceeds a clownes content:

Idem.:

No danger but in hie estate, none erre in meane degree. W. Warner. TAZ INE CHOISEST PROMERS.

The holy heate through worldly cares doth pawle
Its foild with earthly thoughts and downward drawes.
Hence come those dull conceits among the wise,

Which coy eard readers censure to proceed From ignorance, whereas they grow by need.

D. Lodge.

The citizens like ponned pikes, the lesser feeds the great,
The rich for meat seek stomachs, and the pore for stomach
UU. UU arner. (meat.

Be as thou art, not as thou wouldst, it will be as it is,

Learne then to lack, and learn to lue, for crosses never misse.

Idem.

Prayer.

Prayers heart and sides, and feet, are full of wings (Like to th' Arcadian which Ioues arrand brings)
Her body burning, from her lips doth come
The smoake of Incense, and of sweet Amome.

I. Sylvester.

Heauens are propitious vnto fearfull prayers.

R. Greene.

Fasting (though faint) her face with ioy she cheares, In weaknes strong, and young in aged yeares. Quicke health preserver, curbing Cupids fits, Watchfull, purge humors, and refining wits. I. Syl.

Praise.

This false painted deitie called Laude,
Which makes vs thirst for vaine eternicie:
Twixt our desires and hope, a cunning baud

Vihers

Thers the soule vnto extremitie:
nd helpt by slye infinuating fraud,
ouers her deeds in scrowles of pieties
I. Markham.

he hope of praise makes men no trauell shunne; o say an other day this haue we donne.

S.I.H.

tho rightly climes the top of end lesse praise, egards not what the wise discourser saies.

Th. Storer.

----From praise takes enuie cause. W.W. he chiefest praise is to imbrace the man wealth and woe, with whom our soue began.

G. Turb.

he greatest praise, in greatest perils wonne.

Ed. Fairfax.

he looser wantons sild are praisde of many, ice oft findes friends, but vertue sildome any.

M. Dray.

Athence where Themistocles remaind, hough much he conquered by his regiments, et Solon was more praised for his intents.

D. Lodge.

aise not the bewty of thy wife, though she of fame be spreas ir Gyzes moued so, did graft on Caudales his hed.

VV. Warner's

Providence.

Providence the conduct to our life, he ground of vertue, hostile foe to sin!
hat rearest Towers, and appealest strife:

Thou

Thou gatherest all dispearsed exiles in.
Thou that inventest lawes gainst man and wise.
Thou mistresse vnto auncient discipline.
Thou that bear'st heaven and nature round about the That makest all things, nothing being without thee.

I. Markham.

Pride.

Of grissy Pluto she the daughter was,
And sad Proserpina the queene of hell:
Yet doth she thinke her peerlesse worth to passe,
That parentage with pride so doth she swell,
And thundering some that high in heauen doth dwe
And weeld the world, she claimed for her sire.
Or if that any els doth some excell,
For to the highest she doth still aspire,
Or if ought higher were, then that doth it desire.
---- And proud Lucifera men did her call.
Ed. Spencer.

O pride, the shelfe close shrowded in the port Of this lifes Ocean, drowning all resort.

Pride makes her rownds, for she hath neuer end,
And sonnets, for she neuer leaues her noyse:
She makes her dumps if any thing offend,
And to her Idoll-selfe with warbling voyce
Sings Hymnes and Anthems of especiall choyce.

And yet prides quiner's put to silence cleane, Wanting a base, a tenor, and a meane.

Th. Storer.

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OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 254 he winged giant loftie staring pride, hat in the cloudes her brauing brest doth hide. I. Syl. ride is the roote of ill in every state, he sourse of sin, the very fiend his see: he head of hell, the bough, the braunch, the tree. om which do spring and sprout such fleshly seeds, s nothing els but moane and mischiese breeds. G. Gascoigne. ide drawes on vengeance, vengeance hath no mean. --- Nemesis hath euery howre reseru'd plague for pride that hath from iustice sweru'd. D. Lodge. ---- Such is the nature still of hautie pride, n nothing lesse then others praise abide. M. of M. --- When once pride but pointeth toward his fall, beares a sword to wound himselfe withall. M. Drayton. ----Loftie pride that dwells towred courts, is oft in shepheards cells. Ch. Marlowe. proud man may his owne musition bee, s heads deuise makes pauins to his hart: is heart with lippes and pleasures daunceth free, but the measures framing every part e organis worthy of so sweet an art. s thoughts plaies marches to his vaulting mindea d memorie his Recorder stands behinde. Th. Storer. y without good, is good hearts greatest loathing. Ed. Spencera Princes

Princes.

The very place wherein a Prince appeares
Discernes his presence, makes his chamber blest:
Like Planets are they knowne within their spheares,
Or as Halcion with her luring brest:

Demonstrates winde from winde, and East from We

This is a certaine nature of escate,

It cannot masked be, nor chaunge his gate.

Th. Storer.

A Princes safetie lies in louing people,
His fort is Iustice (free from stratageme)
Without the which strong citadels are feeble,
The subjects loue is wonne by louing them.
Of louing them no oppression is the tryall,
And no oppression makes them euer loyall,
I, Syl.

To be a Prince, is more then be a man.

S. Daniell.

---Princes are the glasse, the schoole, the booke where subjects eies do line, do read, do looke.

vv. vvarner.

Hombeit subjects falsly judge their Princes blessed are, when both of peace & perils they contain the common conditions for this they grudgingly from pounds a penny span

Princes in subicces wrogs must deem themselues ab S. Phil. Sidney.

Private men sound not the hearts of Princes, Whose actions oft beare contrary pretences.

S. Daniell.

Princes like Lyons neuer will be tamde, A private man may yeeld and care not howe, But greater hearts will breake before they bowe. Idem.

The Princes armes are stretcht from shore to shore.

M. Drayton.

--- As the pawnce doth circle with the Sunne, o to the vice, or vertue of the Prince, are people wonne. W. Warner.

Good Princes forrow more in punishing, hen euil subiects in committing sin. Ch. Mid.

uen as defaults will more conspicuous be low much th'offender greater is esteemd: o vertue in a princely body seene, amp-like and far more excellently deemd, hat in such vnitie its seldome seene.

In mutuall approach of highest blisse, Whether more graced each by other is.

Th. Storer.

happie Princes whose foresight and care an winne the loue of writers in such sort s Casars did, so as you need not dread he lake of Lathe after ye be dead,

S. I.H.

--- Princes neuer do themselues more wrong hen when they hinder iustice or prolong.

whose high brest may Justice build her bower hen Princes hearts wide open lye to wrong?

G. Gascoigne,

We imitate the greater powers,
The princes manners, fashion ours:
The example of their light regarding,
Vulgar loosenes much incenses,
Vice vncontroll'd, growes wide inlarging,
Kings small faults be great offences.
S. Daniell.

Oft for the pleasure of a prince go many things awry.

VV. Warner.

Princes like sinnes be euermore in sight,
Ill see the clouds which do eclips their light.
Yet they which light all downe from their skies,
See not the cloudes offending others eies.
And deeme their noonetide is desirde of all,
When all exspect cleare changes by their fall,
M. Dray.

Princes have but their titles for their glories,
An outward honor for an inward toyle:
And for vnfelt imagination
They often feele a world of restlesses.

So that betwixt their titles and low names
Their's nothing differs but the outward fame,
W. Sha.

Seld shall you see the ruine of a prince,
But that the people eke like brunt do beare:
And old records of auncient times long since
From age to age, yea almost euery where,
With proofe hath glutted euery yeare.

Thus by the follies of the princes hart, The bounden subject still receiveth smart.

G. Gascoigne.

Quietne

Quietnesse.

The wind is great vpon the highest hills,
The quiet life is in the dale below:
Who tread on yee shall slide against their wills,
They want not cares that curious arts would know.
Who lives at ease and can content him so
Is persit wise, and sets vs all to schoole:
Who hates this lore, may well be call'd a foole.

M, of M.

--- Quietnes the onely nurse or ease.

M. Dray. (daies, Wellwot I sooth they say that say, more quiet nights and The shepheard sleeps & wakes, then he whose cattell he dothed by Warner. (graze.

Reason.

---Logicke, reason in a daunce
(Reason the *(ynosure* and bright load-starre
In this worlds sea) t'auoyd the rocke of chaunce,
For with close following and continuance,
One reason doth another so ensue,
As in conclusion still the daunce is true.

I. Danies.

----Reason should have abilitie
To hold these worldly things in such proportion,
As let them come or go with even facilitie.

S. Phil. Sidney.

---Euery thing that is begun with reason
Will come by ready meanes vnto his end,
But things miscounselled, must needs miswend.

Ed. Spencer.

Reason

Reason by prudence in her function,
Had wont to tutor all out action,
Ayding with precepts of Philosophic
Our feebled natures imbecillitie,
But now affection with concupiscence,
Haue got ore reason chiefe preheminence.
I. Marston.

What warre so cruell, or what siege so sore
As that which strong affections do applie
Against the fort of reason enermore,
To bring the soule into captinitie?
Their force is fairer through infirmitie
Of the fraile flesh, relenting to their rage,
And exercise most bitter tirannie,
V pon the parts broughr into their bondage;
No wretchednesse is like to finfull villanie.

Ed. Spencer.

But in a body which doth freely yeeld

Pis parts to reasons rule obedient,

And letteth not that ought the scepter weeld,

All happie peace and goodly gouernment.

Is setled there in sure establishment.

Idem.

He that is of reasons skill bereft,
And wants the stuffe of wisedome him to stay,
Is like a subject midst of tempest left,
Withouten helme or pilot her to sway,
Full sad and dreadfull is that ships event:
So is the man that wante intendment,

Idem.

Reason doth teach vy that the care is vaine,

For ill once past which cannot turne againe.

Th. watson.

If reason bandie with opinion,

Opinion winnes in the conclusion:

For if a man be once opinionate,

Millions of reasons will extenuate

His forced malice: conference

Cannot asswage opinions insolence.

But let opinion once lay batterie

To reasons fort, the will turne heresie

Or superstition, wily politist,

But she will win those rampires which resist.

Ed. Gilpin.
---Nought can reason availe in heavenly matters.
S. Phil. Sid.

She whom sauns reason men haue reason hight, Since first in fire the Lord the aire inclosed: In aire the sea, in sea the earth disposde Hath with mild faith maintaind continuals fight.

I. Syluester.
--- The eye of reason is with raging ybent. Ed. Sp.

Religion.

Sacred Religion, mother of forme and feare. S. Daniell.

O that this power from euerlasting giuen,
The great alliance made twixt God and vs.
The intelligence that earth doth hold with heauen.
Sacred Religion, O that thou must thus
Be made to smooth our vniust vneuin,
Brought from aboue earths quarrell to discusse.

Must

Must men beguile our soules to win our wills, And make our zeale the furtherer of ills?

No one quailes religion more then foundring presbitie, Each sot impugning order, saith and doth his infancie, W. Warner.

What may not mischiese of mad man abuse?
Religions cloake some one to vice doth chuse.
And maketh God protector of his crime,
O monstrous world, well ought we wish thy fine.

M. of M.

-- English men, nay Christian men, not only seeme prophane, But man to man, as beast to beast hold civil duties vaine.

Y ea pulpits some like pedlers packs yeeld forth as men affect: And what a Synode should conclude, a souter doth correct.

The rude thus bosting literature, one sin begets another (ther And grossy thogh a schisme, yet hath ech Schismatick his bro Mean while the learned wat their meed, & none with prosit I he tedious dolt whose artlesse tong doth preach to (hears, UV. VV arner. (verie eares.)

---Since pure religion doth install Learned professors, Prelates of deserts, Let them aspire and reae instructed harts

Against the base bestowers of church livings,
That vse their graunts in tellings, not in givings.
Th. Storer.

Repentance.

Repentance makes two rivers of her eies, Her humble face dares scant behold the skies: Her broken breast is beaten blew and blacke, Her tender flesh is rent wih rugged sacke,
With sorrowes snowes her hoary waxen head,
With ashes pale, and dust is ouerspread.

I. Sylvister.

Repentance, hope, and sost humilitie, Do flanke the wings of faiths triumphant carre,

Idem.

Repentance,

A salue, a comfort, and a cordiall, He that hath her, the keies of heaven hath, This is the guide, this is the port, the path,

M. Drayton.

O happie they that keepe within their measure,
To turne their course in time, and sound retreit,
Before that wit which late Repentance tought,
Were better neuer had then so deare bought.

S.I.H.

Sinnes haue their salues, repentance can do much, R. Greene.

--- To be penitent for faults, with it a paron beares.

Then hope we health when sinne is left repentantly in hart?
Adde then new life, and we to God, God doth to us conwart?

Idem.

Yet stay thy feete in murders vgly gate,
Ill comes to soone, repentance oft too late.

Their lives no man so settled in content,
That hath not daily whereof to repent.

D. Lodge.
We see what's good, and thereto we consent,
But yet we chuse the worse and soone repent.

S. Daniell.

Rest,

Rest.

--- What so strong, But wanting rest, will also want of might? The sunne that measures heaven all day long, At night doth bath his steeds, th'Ocean waves among. Ed. Spencer.

Vntroubled night they say, giues counsell best.

Who long hath rested cannot runne apaces The settered horse is hindmost in the chase.

Reuenge.

.-- Next within the entrie of the gate, Sate fell reuenge, gnashing her teeth with ire, Deuising meanes how she may vengeance take, Neuer in rest till she haue her desire. But frets within so farre forth with the fier Of wreaking flames, that now determines shees To die by death, or vengd by death to bee. M. Sacknille

O fearefull frowning Nemesis, Daughter of iustice most seuere, That art the worlds great arbitresse, And Queene of causes raigning heere. S. Daniell.

Fierce Nemesis mother of fate and change, Idems Sword bearer of th'eternall prouidence. --- Nemesis whose hastie revenging Hands are euer at hand: whose mind is mutable alwaies; At miseries laughing, at mens felicitie grudging.

... Nëmesis

A. Fraunces

--- Nemesis hie mistris of reuenge, That with the scourge keepes all the world in awe. Th. Dekkar.

The minde by wrong is made a male-content, And cloudes her shine in pleassesse melancholy, Her holy humours are in passion spent, Tillby revenge shee's set at libertie.

Fortis reuenge that satisfaction brings To iniur'd mindes, and to oppressed things.

I. Markham.

The soule is like a boystrous working sea, Swelling in billowes for disdaine of wrongs, And tumbling vp and downe from bay to bay, Proues great with child of indignations.

Yet with revenge is brought to calme allay, Disburdend of the paine thereto belongs.

Her bowers are turnd to bright-fac't sun-shine braues, And faire content plaies gently on her waves,

Idem.

Reuenge dies not, rigour begets new wrath, And bloud hath neuer glory, mercie hath. Reuenge is mine, saith he that sits on hie.

Th. Achelly. I dire reuenge when thou in time art rakte, from out the assess that preserve thee long, And lightly from thy cinders art awakte, uell to freedome, and reuiu'd with wrong:

How soone from sparks the greatest flames art sprung?

Which doth by nature to his top aspire,

Whose massy greatnes once kept downe his fier,

M. Drayton.

evenge in tears doth ever wash his hands, Idem. Who

Who so doth threat meanes of reuenge doth loose S.D.

Had I reuenged bene of euery harme, My coate had neuer kept me halfe so warme. G. Gascoigne.

Though vengeance come behind, and her foote sore;

She ouertakes th'offender going before.

Riches. Description of Mammon.

At last he came vnto a gloomy glade, Couered with boughes and shades from heaven light Whereas he litting found in secret shade, An vncouth, saluage, and vnciuill wight, Of grisly hue, and foule ilfauoured fight: His face with smoake was tand, and cies were bleard, His head and beard with sowte were all bedight, His coale blacke hands did seeme to haue bene seard, In smith-fiers spitting forge, & nails like claws appeared His Iron coate all ouergrowne with rust, Was vnderneath enneloped with gold, Whose glittering glose darkened with filthy dust Well it appeared to haue bene ofold, A worke of rich entraile and curious moldes Wouen with Anticks and wilde Imagerie, And in his lap a masse of coyne he tolde And turned vpside downe to feed his eie, A couctous desire with his huge treasurie: And round about him lay on every fide, Great heapes of gold that neuer could be spent, Of Mulcibers deuouring element: Some others were nere driven and distent

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Into great Ingoes and to wedges square,

Some in round plates without monument:

But some were stampt, and in their end all bare,

The Anticke shapes of Kings and Keysars, strange and

Ed. Spencer. (rare.)

Mammon.

---I riches reade

And deeme them roote of all disquietnes:
First got with guile, and then preseru'd with dread,
And after spent with pride and lauishnes:
Leauing behind them griefe and heauines.
Infinit mischiefes of them do arise,
Strife and debate, blood-shead and bitternes,
Outragious wrong, and hellish couetize,
That noble heart as great dishonor doth despise.

----It's but a little slide

That doth the house of riches from her mouth divide.
Before the doore sate selfe-consuming care,
Day and night keeping wary watch and ward:
For feare least fotce or fraud should vnaware
Breake in and spoyle the treasure there ingard.
Ne would he suffer sleepe once thitherward
Approach, albe his drowsie den were next,

For next to death is sleepe to be compar'd, Therefore his house is vnto his annext,

Idem.

Here sleep, there riches, & hel gate them both betwixt.

Ed. Spencer. (not misse,

VVellmay a rich mans hear se want teares, but heires he shall To whom that he is dead at length no little ioy it is.

vv. vvarner.

Good is no good, but if it be spend, God giueth good for no other end.: le

Ed. Spencer.

Vessels of brasse, oft handled brightly shine, What difference betweene the richest mine And basest earth, but vie ? for both not vide Are of little worth: then treasure is abuse-When misers keepe it, being put to lone, In time it will returne vs two for one.

Ch. Marlowe.

Gold is a sucor, neuer tooke repulse, It carries Palme with it, (where e're it goes) Respect, and observation; it vncouers The knottie heads of the most furly Groomes, Enforcing yron doores to yeeld it way, Were they as strong ram'd vp as Aetna gates. It bends the hams of Gossip Vigilance, And makes her supple feete, as swift as winde. It thawes the frostiest, and most stiffe disdaine: Muffles the clearnesse of Election, Straines fancie vnto foule Apostacie. And strikes the quickest-sighted Judgement blinde. Then why should we dispaire? dispaire? Away: Where Gold's the Motiue, women haue no Nay. B. Iohnson.

Wealth in this age will scarcely looke on merit. Idem.

---- Gentry doth small availe, And vertue lesse, if lands and riches faile. S. I. H.

Sacriledge.

The common text shall have a common glosse,

Receits in parcels, shall be paid in grosse.

This doctrine preach'd who from the church doth take

At last shall trebble restitution make. M. Dray.

Secrecie.

---Secrecie the crowne of a true Louer.

M. Drayton.

---- Hard it is to proue

By fight or speech, what bides in secret brest.
S. I. H.

---What can so secret bee,

But out of it will when we do least suspect?

For posts haue cares, and walles haue eyes to see,

Dumbe beasts and birds have toongs ill to detect.

Idem.

Silence.

Dumbe Silence, sworne attendant on black night,
Thou that half power to close vp murmures iawe:
To stop the barking of the watchfull hound,
And charme the gagling of those waking fowle,
That sau'd lones Capitoll, milde Queene of rest.

Th. Dekkar.

Soft Silence, and submisse obedience,

Both linkt together neuer do depart:

Both gifts of God, nor gotten but from thence,

Both girlonds of his saints, against their foes offence.

Ed. Spencer.

----Silence wisedomes mother.

S. Phil. Sidney.

Silence doth seem the maske of base oppression. Ide n.

S 2

Semse

Sences.

Although things sensible be numberlesse, But only five the Sences organs bee: And in those five all things their formes expresse, Which we can touch, taste, seele, or heare or sec.

I. Danies.

Mans eye makes what is seene to seeme so faire, Mans eare makes what is heard to found so sweete: His touch by softnesse euery sence is meete For his owne object.

Sight.

.-- The two eyes which have the seeing power, Stand as one watchman, spie, or Sentinell: Being plac'd aloft within the heads hie tower, And though both seeing, yet both but one thing tell. Idem.

--- Nine things to fight required are, The power to see, the light, the visible thing: Being not too small, too thin, too nigh, too farre, Cleare space; and time the forme distinct to bring. Idem.

Like as a glasse is an inanimate eye, And outward formes imbraceth outwardly, So is the eye an amimate glasse that showes In formes without vs.

G. Chapman.

What we behold is censured by the eyes, Where both deliberate the love is flight: Who euer lou'd, that lou'd not at first sight?

Ch. Marlowe.

I trow that countenance cannot lye, Whose thoughts are legible in the eye.

M. Roydon.

Often the eye mistakes, the braine being troubled.

W. Sha.

All amorous eyes observing forme, thinks parts obscured vo. vvarner.

A greedy eye will have a greedy hand.

D. Lodge.

--- A monstrous rabblement Of fowle mishapen wights, of which some were Headed like Owles, with beakes vncomely bent: Others like dogs, others like gryphons dreare, And some had wings, and some had clawes to teare. And euery one of them had Linceus eies, And every one did bowes and arrowes beare. All those were lawlesse lusts, corrupt enuie, And couetous aspects, all cruell enemies. Those same against the bulwarke of the sight Did laie strange siege and battailous assault, Ne once did yeeld it respit day or night, But soone as Titan gan his head exault, And soone againe as he his light withhaule Their wicked engines they against it bent: That is each thing by which the eyes may fault. But to them all more huge and violent, Bewtie and money; they that bulwarke shroudly rent. Ed. Spencer.

S 3

Hearing

Hearing.

Eares office is the troubled aire to take, Which in their mazes formes a found or noyle, Whereof her selse doth true distinction make. The wickets of the soule are plac'd on hie, Because all sounds do lightly mount alost: And that they may not pierce too violently, They are delaid with turnes and windings oft. I. Danies.

As streames which with their winding bankes do play, Stopt by their creekes runne softly through the plaine: So in the eares labyrinth the voyce doth stay, And doth with easie notice touch the braine.

Idem.

It is the flow'st yet the daintiest sence, For even the eares of such as have no skill, Perceiue a discord and conceiue offence, And knowing not what's good, yet finde the ill. Idem.

These conduit pipes of knowledge the minde, But th'other three attend the body still: For by their services the soule doth finde What things are to the body good or ill.

I. Danies.

The second bulwarke was the hearing sence, Gainst which the second troupe designment makes Deformed creatures, in straunge difference, Some having heads like harts, some like to snakes, Some wild like boares, late rowz'd out of the brakes. Slaunderous reproaches and foule infamics, Leasings

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 2622 Lealings, backbitings, and vaine-glorious crake. Bad counsels, praises and falle flatteries, about some side All those against that first did send their batteries, and I Ed. Spencer, of A Smelling. Town and a deli Next, in the nosthrils she doth vie the Smell, As God the breath of life in them did give: So makes he now his power in them to dwell, To judge all aires whereby we breathe and live This sence is also mistresse of an art, Which to loft people (weet petfumes doth fell: Through this deare are doth little good impart, Since they smell best that doth of nothing smell. And ye good sents do purifie the braine, Awake the fancie, and the wittes tefine: Hence old deuotion in aduise did ordaine, To make mens spirits more apt to thoughts divine. Likewise that same third fort that is the smell, Of that third troupe was cruelly allaide: Whose hideous Thapes were like to fiends of hell. Some like to hounds, some like to apes dismaide. Some like to puttocks all in plumes arraide, All shapte according their conditions, For by those ougly formes werren portraide Foolish delights and fond abulions, Which do that sence besiege with light illusios. Ed. S. -Tasting only The bodies life with meates and aire is fed, Therefore the soule doth yse the tasting power, In vaines which through the tong & pallat spred. Dif-

Distinguish euery rellish sweet and sower. This is the bodies nurse: but since mans wit Found the Art of cookery to delight his sence, More bodies are consumde and kild with it, Then with the sword, famine, or pestilence.

I. Danies.

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---That fourth band which cruell battery bent Against the fourth bulwarke, that is the taste: Was as the rest, a grisly rabblement, Some mouth like greedy Estriges, some fac'st Like loathly Toades, some fashioned in the waste Like swine, for so deseru'd his luxurie, Surfet, mildiet, and vnthriftie warke, Vaine feasts, and idle superfluitie, All those this sences fort assaile incessantly. Ed. Sp.

Feeling. Land town Mass of

Lastly, the feeling power which is lifes roote, Through euery liuing part it selfe doth shed, By sinewes which extend from head to foote, And like a net all ouer the body spred. Much like a subtill spider which doth sit In middle of her web which spreddeth wide: If ought do touth the outmost thred of it, She feeles it instantly on euery side. I. Danies.

By touch the first pure qualities we learne, Which quicken all things, hot, cold, moist, and drie: By touch, hard, soft, rough, swoot, we do discerne, By touch, sweet pleasure and sharpe paine we trie. These are the outward instruments of sence.

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These are the guardes which every one must passe, at Ere it approach the mindes intelligence, Or touch the phantasie, wits looking glasses have

. Idem.

But the fift troupe most horrible of hue, And ficrce of force was dreadfull to report: For some like snailes, some did like spiders shewe, And some like ougly vrchins thicke and short, Cruelly they assailed that fift fort. Armed with darts of sensuals delight, Withstrings of carnall lust and strong effect. Offeeling pleasures, with which day and night Against the same fift bulwarke they continued fight. Ed. Spencer 36

Sinne.

First we do taste the fruite, then see our sin.

Shame followes sin, disgrace is daily giuen, Impietie will out, neuer so closely donne, No walles can hide vs from the eye of heaven, For shame must end what wickednes begun, Forth breakes reproach when we least thinke thereon. Sister The Ademis of the Control of

Like as diseases common cause of death, Bring daunger most when least they pricke and smart: Which is a figne they have expulst the breath Of lively heate which doth defend the hart; Euen so such sinnes as felt are on no part, Haue conquered grace, and by their wicked vre, So kild the foule that it can have no cure.

I. Hig. Gl. of M.

Sinnes

266 THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS Sinnes haruest neuer failes, but grace hath death. D. Lodge. 313 Couer thou fier neuer so close within, and with the Yet out it will, and so will secret sin. M. of M. It doubles sinne if finely sinne we practise to preuent. W.W. haring Man may securely sinne, but safely neuer. What wight on earth can voyd of fault be found? What Saint is that who doth not sinne sometime? Tweene good and bad this difference sole is found, That good men sinne burseld, and mend betime. The bad man (making scruple none nor question) Yeelds willingly to every leand suggestion. Sinnes oft allaid, erethought to be no sin, So soileth sinne, the soule it sinkethin. . Sign v M. of Manniani) complete sign Shame leaves, vs by dogrees, not at first comming, wan For nature checks a new offence with loathing But vie of sinne doth make it seeme as nothing Marie La Saniella a rouge, Ast Care What though our sinnes go brave and better clad? They are as those in rags, as base, as bad. The street of sing and Shem. In the street of the The spot is foule, though by a Monarch made, dans Kings cannot priviledge a finne forbade. and Adem. Como and in the Sinne cuer mustry man and Be torturde with the racke of his owne frame, For or he that holds no faith, shall finde no trust, with the ut fowing wrong, is fure to reapethe fame. 3 2000 200

---- Cunning sinne being clad in vertues shape; to the lies much reproofe, and many stormes doth scape.

D. Lodge. When we will have

--- Place for people, people place, and all for sinne decay. e veg ein vo, vvarner, sie

lo punish sinne is good, it is no nay, hey wrecke not sinne, but merit wrecke for sinne The fathers fault that wreake vpon the kin.

. The second M. of M. The state of the

The sinne to which a man by loue is driven, o much the rather ought to be forgiuen.

S.I.H.

S.I.H.

Her face was vgly, and her mouth distort, Foming with poyson round about her gils, n which her curfed tongue full sharpe and short, Appeard like Aspes sting, that closely kils, Or cruelly does wound, whom so she wils, A distaffe in her other hand she had, Ypon the which she litle spins but spils, And faine to weave falle tales and leafings bad To throw amongst the godswhich others had dispred-Ed. Sp.

Her nature is, all goodnesse to abuse, And causelesse crimes continually to frame: With which she guiltlesse persons may abuse,

And stole away the crowne of her good name,
Ne euer knight so bold, ne euer dame.
So chaste and loyall liu'd, but she would striue
With forged cause, them fals sy to defame.
Ne euer thing was done so well aliue,
But she with blame would blot, and of due praise de
Idem. (priu

All like the stings of Asps, that kill with smart,
Her spightfull words do pierce and wound the inner

Idem. (par

Foule canker of faire vertuous action, White blaster of the fresh bloomes here on earth, Enuies abhorred child detraction.

I. Marstoni de miestam inter

Happie is he that lives in such a sort,

That need not feare the tongues of false report,

E. of S.

The vulgar tongues are armed euermore
With flaunderous brute, to blemish the renowne
Of vertuous dames, which though at first it spring,
Of slender cause, yet doth it swell so fast,
As in short space it filleth euery eare
With swift report of vndeserued blame.

G. Gascoigne.

They other vertues scorne that doubt their owne.

S. Daniell.

No plaister heales a deadly poysoned fore,
No secret hid where saunder keepes the dore.

M. Drayton.

Agains

gainst bad tongues goodnesse cannot defend her, hose be most free from faults, they least will spare, st prate of them whom they have scantly knowned dging their humours to be like their owne.

S.I.H.

under once set on foot though false, is talkt in enery street. UV. UVarner.

wound with warlike hand of enemie list with dint of sword so sore doth light, doth the poylonous sting which infamie uleth in the name of noble wight. neuer can recured be againe, all the skill which that immortall spright Podalyrius did in it retaine,

n remedie such hurts: such hurts are hellish paine.

Ed. Sp.

prightly wit disdaines detraction.

. I. Marston.

kbiting pens, and pens that footh vp sinne, ious the one, th'other clawbacks binne. 1. Syl.

Sleepe.

nidst a darke thicke wood there is a caue, nose entrance is with Iuie ouerspread, ey haue no light within, nor none they craue, re Sleepe doth couch her ouerdrowsie head, d floath lies by that seemes the goute to have, d Idlenes not so well taught as fed, ey point forgetfulnes the gate to keepe, at none come out or in to hinder Sleepe, knowes no meanes of men, ne none will learne, eir messages she list not understand:

She knowes no busines doth her concerne,
Silence is Sentinell of all this band,
And vnto those he comming doth discerne
To come too neere, he beckens with his hand,
He treadeth soft, his shooes are made of felt,
His garment short, and girded with a belt.

S. I. H.

By care lay heaviesleepe, the couzen of death, Flat on the ground, and still as any stone: A very corps, saue yeelding forth a breath, Small keepe tooke he whom fortune frownd on, Or whom she lifted vp into the throne Of high renowne: but as a living death, So dead aliue, of life he drew the breath. M. Sack A drowsie head to earth by dull desire Draws downe the soule that should to heaven aspire Writing these later lines, wearie well-nie Of sacred Pallas, pleasing labour deare, Mine humble chin saluteth oft my brest, With an Ambrosian deawe mine eies possest By peece-meale close; all moouing powers die still, From my dull fingers drops my fainting quill. Downe in my stoath-bound bed againe I shrinke, And in darke Lathe all deepe cares I sinke.

Solitarinesse.

Sweete solitatie life thou true repose,
Wherein the wise contemplate heauen aright,
In thee no dread of warre or worldly foes,
In thee no pompe seduceth mortall fight.
In thee no wanton eares to winne with words,
Wor lurking toies which silly life affords. D. L. Se

Souldiers.

--- O Souldiers enuie necre ally to Kings Maiesticke humour, carefull lealous thought: Thou, which awak'st vs from ignoble things, A passion nearest to a godhead brought. Onely indefinite: to whom none brings imit or bound, thou greater then our thought, Who holds thee, holds a power to make him able, Who looses then, becomes most miserable. I. Mark. None is so poore of sence and eine, To whom a souldier doth not shine. G. Chap. No elegancie can bewtifie I shamelesse lumpe of gluttonie: His heart sweete Cupids tents reiects, That onely meate and drinke affects. Flora all mens intellects, know souldiers power such respects, Meere helpes for need his minde sufficeth, Dull sleepe and surfets he despiseth: oues trumpe his temples exerciseth,

Soule.

Ind fixt the earth, first form'd the soule in man, his true Prometheus first made men of earth, and shead in him a beame of heavenly fier, low in their mothers wombes before their birth, both in all sonnes of men their soules inspire. Ind as Minerna is in fables fainde tom Ioue, without an other to proceed, o our true Ioue without an others aide,

Doth

Idem.

Doth daily millions of Minernaes breed.

I Danies.

Like as the sunne about the light doth bring, Though we behold it in the aire belowe, So from the eternall light the soule doth spring, Though in the body she her powers do showe.

The soule a substance and a body is, Which God himselfe doth in the body make, Which makes the man; or every man from this The nature of a man and name doth take. And though the spirit be to the body knit, As an apt meane her power to exercise: Which are, life, motion, sense, and will and wit, Yet she surviues, although the body dies. Shee is a substance and a reall thing, Which hath it selfe an actuall working might, Which neither from the senses power doth spring, Nor from the bodies humours tempered right. She is a vine which doth no propping need, To make her spread her selfe, or spring vpright, She is a starre whose beames do not proceed From any sinne, but from a native light. Idem.

She is a spirit and an heavenly influence,
Which from the fountaine of Gods spirit doth flows
Shee's a spirit, yet not like aire nor winde,
Nor like the spirits about the heart or braine,
Nor like the spirits which Alchimists definde,
When they in every thing seeke gold in vaine.

Idem.

An

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 273 -To shew her powerfull deitie; Her sweete Endimion more to beautifie, ... way Into his soule the goddesse doth infuse, The fierie Nature of an heavenly Mules Which the spirit labouring by the mind; Partaketh of celestiall things by kind. For why the foule being divine alone, when a long with Exemptifrom groffe and vild corruption; Of heauenly secrets incomprehensible; Of which the dull flesh is not sensible. And by one onely powerfull faculties in the second is Yet gouerneth a multiplicitie of the desired with 2 Being essentiall, uniforme in all a military the same wool A Not to be seucred or dividuall: gight a sharing use ? But in her function holdeth her ellate ment of By powers divine in her ingenerates roland and the And so by inspiration conceineth, or the property of What heaven to her by divination breatheths and a misic M. Draytonzii : wil seringino Like as the soule doth rule the earthlie masse, throit And all the service of the body frame, (braffe) No lesse then persect gold surmounts the meanest Ed, Spencer Euerie good motion that the soule awakes, Theauenly figure sees from whence it takes, in har That sweetelesse bloome which by power of kinde ormes like it selse an image of the mind, and in our faith the operations be If that divinesse which by fayth weesee

Which neuer erres but accidentally,
By our fraile slesses imbecilitie,
By each temptation ouer-apt to slide,
Except our spirit becomes our bodyes guide,
For as our bodyes prisons beethe towres,
So to our soules these bodyes be of ours,
Whose slesses walles hinder that heavenly light,
As these stone walles deprive our wished sight.

Idem.

As Phœbusthrowes

His beames abroade, though hee in clouds bee clof'd

Still glauncing by them till she finde oppos'd

A loose and rorid vapour, that is sit

Teuent his searching beames, and vseth it

To forme a twentie coloured eie,

Cast in a circle round about the skie.

So when our fierie soule, our bodies starre,

That ever is in motion circular)

Conceiues a form in seeking to display it,

Through all our cloudy parts it doth convey it:

Forth at the eye, as the most pregnant place,

And that resteets it round about the face.

Like as the moysture which the thirstic earth Sucks from the Sea to fill her emptie vaines, From out her wombe at last doth take a birth, And runnes a nymphalong the grassic plainest Long doth shee stay, as loth to leave the land, From whose soft side she first did issue make, She tasts all places, turnes to everie hand, Her slowing bankes vn willing to forsake,

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t nature so her streames doth leade and carrie, that her course doth make no finall stay, Il shee her selfe vnto the Ocean marrie, thin whose watrie bosome fiist shee lay. en so our soule within this earthly mould e spirit doth secretly infuse, ause at first shee doth the earth behold, d onely this materiall world shee viewes. first our mother earth shee holdeth deere, d doth imbrace the world and worldly things flies close to the ground and houers heere, I mounts not vp with her celettiall wings. vnder heauen shee cannot light on ought, it with her heavenly nature doth agree, cannot rest, she cannot fixe her thought, cannot in this world contented bec.

.I. Danies.

en the soule findes heere no true content; like Noah? Doue, can no sure footing take, doth returne from whence shee first was sent; shee to him that sirst her wings did make.

Idem.

ien waxeth old, and all the spheares aboue lone day faynt, and their swist motion stay, time it selfe shall cease in time to mooue; y the soule survives and lives for aye.

I dem.

n as the soule is drowned once in vice, sweete of sinne makes hell'a Paradice

M, Drayton,

the fable of the Lady faire,

Which

VVhich for her lust was turnde into a cow, VVhen thirstie to a streame she did repaire, And saw her selfe transformed she knew not how, At first she startles, and she stands amazd, And loathes the watry glasse wherein she gazd: At last for terror she from thence doth flie, And shunnes it still, though she for thirst doe die. Euen so mans soule, which did Gods image beare, And was at first faire, good, and spotlesse pure, Since with her sinnes her beauties blotted were, Doth of all fights her owne fight least indure: For even at first reflecting she espies Such strange Chimeraes and such monsters there, Such toyes, such antickes, and such vanities, As she retyres, and shrinks for shame and feare. I. Danis.

Euen as the man loues least at home to bee,
That hath a sluttish house haunted with spirits,
So she impatient her owne faults to see,
Turnes from her selfe, and in strange things delight

Tis a sacred cure
To salue the soules dread wounds, omnipotent
That nature is, that cures the impotent
Euen in a moment, sure grace is insussed
By divine favour, nor by actions vide:
Which is as permanent as heavens blisse,
To them that have it, then no habit is.

I. Marston.

That learned Father which so sirmely producs
The soule of man immortall and divine,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. nd doth the seuerall offices define, which is the Anima. iues her that name as she the body moues, Amor. hen is shee loue imbracing charitie. Animus. ouing a will in vs, it is the mind. Mens. etaining knowledge Hill the same in kind. Nemoria. s intellectuallitis the memorie. Ratio. iudging, Reason onely is her name. Sensus. speedie apprehension it is Sence. Conscientia. right or wrong men call her Conscience. Spiritus. ne Spirit, when to Godward it doth inflame. nese of the soule the severall functions bee, M. Drayton. ke as two bellowes blowne turne by turne, little and little make cold coles to burne, id then their fire inflamde with glowing heate, iron barre which on the Anuile beate, emes no more yron, but flies almost all, hissing sparkles and quicke-bright einders small. the worlds soule should in our soule inspire, l'eternall force of an eternall fire, id then our soule (as forme) breathe in our corse, er countlesse numbers, and heavens turned force, VVhere-

Should like our (deathlesse soule) haue neuer died,

I. Syluester.

Of Sorrow.

In blacke all clad there fell before my face, A priteous wight whom woe had all forewalf, I orth on her eyes the cristall teares out brast, And figh ng fore her hands shee wrung and fold, Tare all her harre, that ruth was to behold; Her bo iy small, fore withered and fore spent, As is the stalke that summers drought opprest, Her welkedface with wofull teares besprent; Her colour palc (as it seemed) her best, In woe and plaint reposed was her rest: And as the stone that drops of water weares, So dented were her cheekes with fall of teares: Her eyes swollen with flowing streames sfloate, Wherewith her lookes thrown vp full pitiously, Her forcelesse handes together oft she smote, With dolefull shrikes that ecchoed in the skie, Whose plaints such sighs did strait accompanie, That in my doome was never man did see A wight but halfe so woe-begone as shee. Sorrow I amin endlesse sorrowes prined, Among the furies in the internall lake, Where Plato God of hell so grifly blacke, Dothhold histhrone and Lathes deadly caste, Doth riue remembrance of each thing tore-past. W. Sackuile.

Sorrows first leader of this furious crowde,

VVIICE

Muf

Muffled all ouer in a fable clowde,
Olde before age, afflicted night and day,
Her face with wrinkles warped euerie way,
Creeping in corners, where thee fits and vies,
Sighs from her heart, teares for her blubbered eies,
Accompanied with felfe-confuming care,
With weeping pittie, thought, and mad dispayre,
That beares about her burning coles and cords,
Aspes, poysons, pistols, haulters, kniues, and swords,
Foule squinting enuie, that selfe-eating elfe,
Through others leannesse fatting up her selfe,
Ioyning in mischiese, seeding but with langour,
And bitter teares, her toad-like swelling anger,
And icalousie that neuer sleepes for seare,
(Suspitious slea still nibling in her eare)

That leaves repast and rest, neere pinde and blinde, With seeking what shee would bee loth to finde,

I. Siluester.

Two inward vulturs, forrow and disdaine.
Sorow missortunes sonne, dispayres soule fire.

Ed. Fairfax.

Sorrow breakes seasons and reposing howres,

Makes the night morning, and the noone tide night

W.Shakespeare.

Sorrow is still vnwilling to give over.

S. Daniell.

Sorrow grows sencelesse when too much she beares.

M. Dr.

Sad forrow like a heauie ringing bell,
Once fet in ringing, with his owne weight goes,
Then little strength rings out the dolefull knel,

W.Sh. T4

It is some ease our sorrowes to reueale, If they to whome we shall impart our woes, Seeme but to feele a part of what we feele. And meete vs with a figh but at a close. S. Daniell.

Sighes are the ease calamitie affoords, Which serue for speech when sorrow wanteth words,

Fellsorrowestooth neuer ranckles more, Then when it bites, but launcheth not the sore. Idem.

- Sorrow close shrouded in the heare I know to keep, it is a wondrons swart, Each thing imparted, is more ease to beare, When the raine is fallen, the cloudes waxe cleere. Ed. Spencer.

- Sorrow ne neede be hastened on, For he will come without calling anon.

e de l'alique Idem.

-Snarling forrow hath leffe powre to bite The man that mocks at it, and lets it light. Ed. Spencer.

He that his forrow fought through wilfulnesse, And his foe fettered would release againe, Deserues to tast his follies fruit, répented paine.

Ed. Spencer. - Mirth doth search the bottom of annoy, Sad soules are slaine in mirthie companie,

Greefe best is pleasde with grieses societie: True sorrow then is feelingly suffizde,

When with like sorrow it is sympathizde.

True sorrow hath not cuer a wet eye.

Th. Dekker.

Sad forrow euer joyes to heare her worst. S.D.

Suspition.

— False suspition of another is

A fure condemning of our owne amis.

Edw.Gilpin.

Mistrust doth treason in the truest raise,
Suspitious Romulus stain'd his walles first rear'd
VVich brothers bloud, whom for light leape he feard,
The iealous cuckold weares th'infamous horne,
So not in brotherhood, iealousie may bee borne.

M. of M.

Riualles in loue will be suspitious quickly.

I. Weener.

(home

The Marchant traffiking abroad, suspects his wife at A youth will play the wanton, & a want on proue a mome.

W.Warner.

Teares:

These two parts belong Vnto true knowledge, words and teares have force, To moone compassion in the sauage mindes.

Of brutish people reason wanting kindes.

Tho. Middleton.

Feares, vows, and prayers gaine the hardest hearts.

S. Daniell.

Teares worke no truce, but where the heart is tender.

D. Lodge.

Tearesharden lust, though marble weare with raine.

Seld speaketh loue, but sighes his secret paines, (ble. Teares are his truch-men, words do make him trem-R. Greene.

Teares cannot soften flint, nor vowes conuert, S. D.

A dolefull case desires a dolefull song,
Without vaine art, or curious complement,
And squallid fortune into basenesse flung,
Doth scorne the pride of wonted ornament,
Ed. Spencer.

Temperance.

Temperance which golden squire,
Betwixt these two can measure out a meanc,
Neither to melt in pleasures hot desire,
Nor frie in heartlesse greefe and dolefull teene,
Thrise happie man who faires them both a tweene,

Ed. Spencer.

Who ever doth to Temperance applie
His stedsast life, and all his actions frame,
Trust mee shall finde no greater enemie,
Then stubburne percurbation to the same:
To which right well the wise doe give that name:
For it the goodly peace of stayed mindes
Does overthrow, and troublous warre proclaime,
His owne woes author, who so bound it finds,
As did Pyrrbocles, and it wilfully vabinde.

A harder lesson to learne continence,

In ioyous pleasure then in greeuous paine,
For sweetenesse doth allure the weakest sence,
So strongly that vnneath it can refraine,
Froin that which feeble nature couers faine,
But greese and wrath that bee her enemies
And soes of life shee better can restraine,
Yet vertue vaunts in both theyr victories.

Idem.

O in what safetic Temperance doth rest, VV hen it findes harbour in a kingly brest. M. Drayton.

Of all Gods works which do this world adorne,
There is none more fayre and excellent
Then is mans body, both for power and forme,
Vhilst it is kept in sober gouernement:
But none then it more foule and indecent,
Distempered through misrules, and passions base,
It growes a monster, and incontinent,
Doth loose his dignitie and native grace.

Ed, Spencer,

Thoughts.

Thoughts are the slaues of lite, and life times foole,
And time that takes survey of all the world
Must have a stop. W. Shakespeare.
Thoughts are but dreames, till their effects be tried.

Idem.

No so thinkes many things, brings few to a fortunate

A. Fraunce. (ending.

The feeble eyes of our aspring thoughts, Behold things present, and record things past,

But

But things to come exceede our humane reach.

G. Peele.

Vnfained thoughts do seldome dreame on cuil.
Birdes neuer limde no secret bushes seare.

W. Sh.

The greatest man might stoope and sit below.

If all mens thoughts were written in their face,
Some one that now the rest doth ouercrow,
Some others ebbe that wants his soueraignes grace.
VVhen as the Prince their inwarde thoughts should
The meaner then should take the better place, (know

S. I. Harrington,

Time.

Beauties great enemie, and to all the rest
That in the garden of Adonis springs,
Is wicked Time, who with his sithe address,
Does mow the slowing herbes and goodly things,
And all their glorie to the earth down estings,
VV here they do wither, and are souly marde,
He slies about, and with his slaggie wings,
Beates downe both leaves and buds without regard.
Ne ever pittic may relent his malice hard.

E. Spencer.
Mishapen Time, coapsmate of vgly might,
Swift subtill poast, carrier of grissie care,
Eater of youth, false slaue to false delight,
Base watch of woes sinnes packhorse, vertues snare,
Thou nursest all, and murtherest all that are.

Stealing Time the subject to delay.

S. Ph. Sydney.

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Times golden thigh
Vpholdes the flowrie body of the earth,
In facred harmonie and euerie birth
Of men, audacious makes legitimate,
Being vide aright, the vie of times is fate.
G. Chapman.

No mortall forme that vnder moone remaines,

Exempt from traiterons Time, continueth one. (strains Now mountes the floud, and straight his waves reNow flowes the tyde, and strait the sourse is gone,

VVho toyles by Sea, must choose the sayrest gale,

For time abodes our good or badde availe,

D. Lodge.

Althose that live and thinke themselves but slime,
Must choose and thrive by favour of the time,

Swift speedie Time, seathered with slying howres, Dissolues the beautie of the fayrest browe.

S. Daniell.

Time doth consume same, honour, wit, & strength, Time roots out youth and beauties looke at length.

Tho, Wat son.

Time wanting bonds, still wanteth certaintie.

M.Dr.

To Fames rich treasure Time vnlocks the doore, Which angrie sorrow had shut vp before.

Idem.

Time is a bondslaue to eternitie.

Tho. Kyd.

All that doth live is subject to his law.

All things decay in time, and to their end do draw.

Ed. Spencer.

What wrong hath not continuance out-worne, Yeares makes that right that neuer was so borne, S. Daniell,

Good time is blest, badde time wee hold accurst,
Time hurts them oft that he did helpe at first.

T. Churchyard.

Times glory is to calme contending kings;
To vinnaske falshood, and bring truth to light,
To stampe the seale of time in aged things,
To wake the morne, and sentiness the night,
To wrong the wronger till hee tender right;

To ruinate proude buildings with his howres, And smeare with dust their glittering golden To fill with worm holes stately monuments, (towres, To feede oblinion with decay of things, To blot old Bookes, and alter their contents; To pull the quilles from annicient Rauens wings, To drie the old okes sappe, and cherish springs To spoyle antiquities of hammered steele, And turne the giddie round of fortunes wheele, To shew the Beldame daughters of her daughters, To make the child a man, the man a child, To flay the tyger that doth lively flaughter, To tame the vnicorne and the lyon wilde, To make the subtill in themselves beguild; To cheere the plow-man with increasefull crops, And waste huge stones with little water-drops. W. Shake Speare.

Truth

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Truth.

The Truth doth doth dwell within the holy tables, Of Gods live word, not in our wanton braine, Which dayly coyning some strange error vaine, For gold takes lead, for truth electeth Fables.

I. Siluester.

Truth is no harauld, nor no so so phist sure,
She noteth not mens names, their sheelds or cress,
Though shee compare them vnto birds and beasts,
But whom shee doth fore-shew shall raigne by force,
Shee tearmes a woolfe, a dragon, or a beare,
A wilfull Prince, a raignelesse raging horse,
A boare, a lion, a coward much in seare,
A hare or hart, a crastie pricked eare,
A lecherous, a bull, a goate, a soale,
An vnderminer, a mould-warpe, or a moale,

M. of M.
Tried truth

Doth best beseeme a simple naked tale,
Ne needes to bee with paynted processe prickt,
That in her selfe harh no diversitie,
But alwayes shewes one vndisguised face,
VVhere deepe deceit and lies must seeke her shade,
And wrappe their words in guilefull cloquence,
As ever fraught with contrarietie.

G. Gascoigne.
The truth hath certaine bounds, but falshood none.

S. Daniell.

Animble quicke pate mounts to dignitie

By force or fraud, that matters not a iot, So massie wealth may fall vnto thy lot. Io. Marston,

Treason.

Conspiracie gainst the person of a Prince Is treason gainst the deitie of heauen,

Th. Achellye.

Treason is but trusted like the Foxe

Who nere so tamde, so cherisht, and lockt vp,

Will have a wilde tricke of his auncetors.

.W.Sh.

No vertue merits tray se once toucht with blot of trea S. Ph. Sydney.

VVho fayleth one is false, though trusty to another. Idem:

There is no treason woundeth halfe so deepe, Asthat which doth in Princes bosome sleepe.

M. Drayton.

VVho that resisseth his dread soueraigne Lord, Doth damne his soule by Gods owne verie word A Christian subject should with honour due, Obey his soueraigne though he were a lew, VVhereby affured when subjects do rebell, Gods wrath is kindled, threatning fire and hell M. of M.

Wasneuer rebell before the world and fince, That could or should prevaile against his Prince.

Revolted subiects of themselves will quaile. I. Sylnester.

Tyrannie.

Tyrannie.

Next to Tyrannie night wol Comes warres, discention, civill mutinically ve Va

Ch. Aliddle set signs of the

In greatest wants t'inflict the greatest woe, in aid This is the worst that tyrannie can show,

I I dem das il l'april qu'il

Hell haleth tyrants downe to death amaine. Was neuer yet, nor shall bee cruell deede Vnquited lest, but had as cruell freed.

No tyrant commonly

Liuing ill can kindly die,

But either trayteroully furprized

Doth coward psyson quayle their breath,

Or their people haue deuizde,

Or theyr Guard to seeke their death.

Tho. Kyd.

lt is an hell in hatefull vassallage, when he is

Vnder a tyrant to consime ones age, A selse-shauen Dennis, or an Nero fell,

Whose cursed Courts with bloud and incest swell-

An Owle that flyes the light of Parliaments

and state assemblies, iealous of th'intents.

Of Private tongues, who for a pastime sets

His Peeres at oddes, and on their furie whets,

Who neither fayth, honour, nor right respects,

Vertue.

What one art thou thus in torne weede yelad? Vertue, in price, whom auncient sages had: Why poorely clad? for fading goods past care; Why double fac'del marke each fortunes rare: This bridle what? mindes rages to restraine: Why beare you tooles? I loue to take great paine: Why wings? I teach about the starres to flie: Why treade you death? I onely cannot die.

S. Th. Wiat.

The path that leades to Vertues Court is narrow, Thornie, and vp a hill, a bitter journey: But being gone through, you find al heavenly sweets Th'entrance is all flintie, but at th'end Two Towres of pearles and crittall you ascend Th. Dekkar.

Vertue is fayrest in a poore art aye,

Idem.

Vertue abhorres too weare a borrowed face. Idem.

The wisest scholler of the wight most wise, By Phæbus doome, with sugred sentence laies, That vertue If it once meete with our eyes, Strange slames of loue it in our foules would rais S. Ph. Sydney.

That growes apace, that vertue helps t'aspire.

M. Roydon. When vertue riseth, base affections sail.

Ed. Fairfax.

Like as the horse well mand abides the bit,

And learnes his stoppe by raine in riders hand,
Where mountaine colt that is not sadled yet,
Runnes headlong on amidst the fallowed land,
Whose sierce resist scarce bendes with any band.
So men reclaim'd by vertue tread aright,
Where ledde by follies, mischieses on them light.

D. Lodge.
Vertue doth curb affection, and for conscience flieth sin,
To leave for imperfection feare or shame no praise doth
W. Warner.
(winne.)

Vertue it selfe turnes vice, being misapplyed,
And vice sometime by action dignified.

W. Shakespeare.

Vertue in greatest daunger is most showne,
And though oppress, yet nere is ouerthrowne.

S. Daniell.

In vertue it is said, that men themselues suruie,

. W. W.

Honour indeede, and all things yeeld to death,

(Vertue excepted) which alone survives,

And living toyleth in an earthlie gaile,

At last to be extol'd in heavens high ioyes. T. Kyd.

All thingsdecay, yet vertue shall not die.

This onely gives vs immortallitie.

M. Drayton.
Whence is it that the flower of the field doth fade,
And lyeth buried long in winters bale,
Yet soon as spring his mantle doth display,
It flowreth fresh, as it should neuer faile,
But thing on earth that is of most availe.
As vertues and beauties bud,

V₃

Released

THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS Releeven not for any good; The branch once dead, the bud nee des eke must quaite. Ed. Spencer, gardo ad - State All that weehad, or mortall men can have, it seems Seemes onely hut a shadow from the graue; 10000000 Vertue alone liues still. Th. Dekkar. Vertue is more aniable and more sweete, When vertue and true maiestie doe meete. E. Spencer. All the forowin the world is lesse Then vertues might and valures confidence, For who will bide the burden of diftresse, Must not heere thinke to live, for life is wretchedne convocation of startdemilian contraction in Vertue makes honour, as the soule doth sence, And merit, faire exceedes inheritance. G. Chapman. Vertue of the anneient bloud and kin Doth onely please the parties shee is in. of Associations M. of M. Onely vertue noblenesse doth dignisse And vicious life à linege base doth fignific. S. I. Harrington. The simple vertue may consile alone, But better are two vertues loynd in one D. Lodge. What vertue gets, once got doth neuer waste, And having this, this thou for cuer halle. M. Dryaton. Loy grauen in sence, like snow in water wasts,

VVithc

OF WVRENGLISH POETS. 293 Without preserve of vertue nothings lasts cast G. Chapman. Vertue obscurde yeeldes small and happie gaines, But actively imployed, shee worth retaines, . D. Lodge. VVhat vertue breedes, iniquitie deuours, We have no good at all that we can say is ours But ill annexed oportunities Orkilles his life or else his qualitie. Vertue dies not, her tomb we need not rayle, (praise, Let them trust tombs which have out-lin'd their . .. The Bastard Oice. Dice rides a horseback. Vertue doth from out the saddle Warner. S. John Warner. Vhat licour first the earthen pot doth take, 2.1 keepeth still the sauour of the same, ull hard it is a camocke straight to make, which r crooked logges with wainfoot fine to frame, is hard to make the cruell Tyger tame: nd soit fares with those have vices caught, ought (once they say) and euer after nought M. of M. lthough that vertue oft wants due reward, et seldome vice wants due deserued blame. ... S. I. H. wole the market here vice is countenanc'd with Nobilitie, t cleane excluded, ignorance held in, inding the world with meere hypocrifie,

Yet must bee sooth'd in all their slauish sinne,
Great malcontents to grow they then beginne,
Nursing vild wittes to make their factious tooles,
Thus mightie men oft prooue the mightiest sooles,
M. Drayton,

Victory.

With victorie reuenge doth euer cease, S. I. H.

Hee lineth long that lives victorious.
Th. Kyd.

The victor can no honour iustly claime,
To loose the men who should advaunce the same,

That fisher is not fine,
who for a frogge will loose a golden line:
The holy head-band seemes not to attyre
The head of him, who in his furious ire,
Preserves the paine of those that have him teend,
Before the health and safetie of one friend.
Tho, Hudson.

Vaine is the vaunt and victorie vniust, (tr 7 hat more to mightie hands then rightful cause d Edv. Spencer.

Losse is no shame, nor to bee lesse then foe,
But to be lesser then himselfe, doth marre
Both loosers lotte, and victors prayse also,
Vaine others ouerthrowes, who self doth ouerth

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Understanding.

Most miserable creature vnder skie in the said Man, without enderstanding doth appeared to For all this worlds affliction he thereby,

And fortunes freates is wisely taught to beares

Of wretched life the onely joy shee is,

And th'onely comfort in calamitie,

She armes the breast with constant patience;

Against the bitter throwes of dolours darts,

She solaceth with rules of sapience, which was

The gentle mindes in midst of worldly smarts,

When hee is sadde. she seekes to make him merie, And doth refresh his spirits when they bee wearies

Ed. Spencers, Signive and the

Vowes.

Good vowes are never broken with good deedes For then good deedes were bad; vowes are but seeds And good deedes fruits;

G. Chapmans

Wee know not how to vow, till love vnblind vs And vowes made ignorantly neuer binde vs

Our vowes must bee perform'd to God and King. M. Drayton.

A promise made for feare is voyde

S.I. H. A man fuch promile must forlake,

As at the first vnlawfull was to make

Idem.

Virginitie.

Like to the Rose I count the virgin pure, That groweth on natiue stemme in garden fayre, Which whiles it stands with walles environ'd sure, VVhere herd-men with their herds cannot repayre To sauour it, it seemeth to allure The morning dew, the heate, the earthly ayre, Gallant yong men and louely dames delight By their sweete sent, and in their pleasing light: But when that once tis gathered and gone From proper stalke, where late before it grew, The love the liking little is or none, Fauour, and grace, beautie and all adue: So when a virgin graunts to one alone, The precious flower for which so many sue: VV ell hee that getteth it may loue her best, But shee forgoes the loue of all the rest. S. I. H.

Iewels being lost, are found againe, this neuer,

Tis lost but once, and once lost, lost for euer.

(b. Marlow.

Virginitie though pray sed is like a bird, for why,

As much the flesh is frayle therein, as in the feareto die,

What was it sayd to all but vs increase and multiplie?

W. Warner.
— Virginitie

Is neither essence subject to the eye, No nor to any one exterior sence, Nor hath it any place of residence, Nor i'st of earth or mould celestiall,

and the second second

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Or capable of any forme at all.

Ch. Marlow,

I know not her that willingly with maiden-head would W. W. (die.

Use.

Vie make things nothing huge, and huge things no-G. Chapman. (thing.

Foule cankering rust the hidden treasure frets,
But gold thats put to vse, more gold begets.

. W. Sheet

Warre.

Lastly stood warrein glistering armes yelad, With vise grimme, sterne lookes and gastly hood, In his right hand a naked sword hee had, That to the hilts was all with bloud imbrude, And in his left that kings and kingdomes rued, Famine and fire he had, and therewithall Hee rased townes, and threw downe towres and all, Cities hee fackt, and realmes that whilome flowred In honour, glorie, and rule about the best, Hee ouerwhhlm'd, and all their fame deuoured, Consumde, destroyde, wasted, and neuer ceast, Till hee therewith their name and all opprest: His face forhued with woundes, and by his side, There hung his targe with gashes deepe and wide. In midst of which depainted there wee finde Deadly debate, all full of snakie hayre, That with a bloudy fillet was ybound.

Out-breathing noght, but discord euerie where.

The Poets old in their fond fables faind, That mightie Mars is God of warre and strife: Th'Astronomers think that wheras Mars doth raign That all debate and discord must bee rife: Some thinke Bellona, Goddesse of that life, Among the rest that Painter had some skill, Which thus in armes did once set out the same, A field of gules, and on a golden hill, A stately towne cousumed all with flame, On chiefe of sable taken from the dame, A sucking babe (O) borne to bide mischance, Begoard with bloud, and pierced with a launce. On high the Helme, I beare it well in mind, The wreath was filuer powdred all with shot, About the which (goutte du sang) did twind. A rowle of sable blacke, and foule beblot, The crest two hands, which may not bee forgot, For in the right a trenchand blade did stand, And in the left a fierie burning brand, TANTE G. Gascoigne.

Mother of mischiefe, monster of desormitie, (chaces, Lawes, manners, arts, shee breakes, shee marres, shee Bloud, teares, bowres, towers, she spils, smites, burns, Her brasen teeth shake althe earth as under: (& races, Her mouth a fire-brand, and her voyce a thunder, Her lookes are lightning, enerie glaunce a stash, Her singers guns, that all to powder pash, Feare and dispayre, slight and disorder, coast

Wish

As burning, waste, rape, wrong, impietie,
Rage, ruines, discord, horror, crueltie,
Sacke, sacriledge, impunitie pride,
Are still sterne consorts by her barbarous side,
And pouertie, sorrow, and desolation,
Follow her armies bloudie transmigration.

I. Silnester.

Owarre begot in pride and luxurie,
The child of wrath and of dissention,
Horrible good, mischiefe necessarie,
The soule reformer of consusion:
Vuiust iust, scourge for our iniquitie,
Cruell recurer of corruption.

S. Daniell.

O goodly vlage of those anticke times,
In which the sword was seruant vnto right,
UThen not for malice and contentious crimes,
But all for praise, and proofe of manly might,
The martiall broode accustomed to fight.
Then honour was the meede of victorie,
And yet the vanquished had no dispight,
Let later age, that now the vie enuie,
Vild rancour so anoyd and cruell surquedry.

Ed. Spencer.

Warre rightly handled is most excellent,
And easie makes impossibilitie:
It mounts the Alps, and through the seas doth rent,
By it in bloud a way to heaven wee see.

I. Markham.

Vinder warres bazen feete stoopes all the earth,

His mouth a flaming brand, his voyce a thunder.

No warre is right, but that which needfull is,

S. Daniell, S. S.

The God of warre hath many men in store,
Which wait alwaies to keepe his kingdome vp,
Of whom no one doth shew his service more,
Then lingring hope, which still doth beare the cup,
And flatteringly lendes everie man a sup,
Which haunts his course, or in his progesse passe,
Hope brings the bowle wherin they all must quasse.

G. Gascoigne, S.

Warre seemeth sweete to such as raungest not.

Men know not Warre, nor rightly how to deeme it, That first by War have not been taught t'esteeme it.

S. I. H.

Wise men euer haue preserred sarre,
Th'vniustest peace, before the justest Warre.

company by S. Daniell, word have a fire

Still makes their foes farre stronger then they are.

Sad be the fights and bitter fruits of Warre,
And thousande furies wait on wrathfull sword,
Ne ought the prayse of prowesse more doth marre,
Then soule reuenging rage and proud contentious

Ed. Spenser. (iarre.

Greatreuenew

The chiefest sinew vnto Warre affoords.

D. Lodge.

Warre

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Warres that publike good pretend, Worke most in justice being doone for spight, For th'agreeued enermore doesbend, in the manner Against those whom they see of greatest might, Who though themselves are wrough and often forst, Yer though they can doe moffare thought the worst,

S. Daniell.

Mars is Cupidoes friend

And is for Venus love renounced more, Then al the wars and spoiles the which he did before. entrolo la la spêncer. In them them the second of the seco

From idle witte, there springs a braine-sicke will; With wife men lust, which foolish make a God, This in the shape of vertue raigneth still.

D. Lodge. Will puts in practife what the wit deuiseth, Will euer acts, and wit contemplates fill, And as from witte the power of wiledome rifeth, All other vertues daughters are of will.

Idem.

Will is the Prince, and wit the counsellor. Which dock for common good in councell his And when witte is resolu'd, will lends her power, To execute what is denifed by witte.

I. Danies.

Will is as free as any Emperour; Nought can restraine her gentle libertie, No tyrant nor no torrent hath the power

Tomake vs will when wee vn willing bee.

Idem.

Euen as the will should goodnesse truely know,

VVe haue a will which that true good should choose
Alhough will oft, when wit false formes doth show,

Take ill for good, and good for ill refuse.

Idem.

It lives not in our power to love or hate, For will in vs is ouer-rul'd by fate.

Ch. Marlow.

A stronger hand restraines our wilfull powers,
A will must rule aboue this will of ours,
Not following what our vaine desires doe woe,
For vertues sake, but what wee onely doe.

M.Dr.

Headlesse will true judgement doth ensnare.

Selfe-will doth frowne, when honest zeale reproues.

Idem.

Whereas our actions measure no regard, Onr lawlesse will is made his owne reward.

M. Dra.

With a world of mischieses and offence,
Unbridled will rebelles against the sence,
D. Lodge,

Hee least should list that may doe what he will.

S. Dan.

Wisedome.

OurGod himselfe for wisedome most is praysed,

And mento God thereby are nighest raysed. Ed. Spencer, ... Ed.

Wisedome doth warne, whilst toe is in the gate, To stay the step, ere forced to retreate.

Idem:

VVisedome must iudge twixt men aprto amend, And mindes incurable borne to offend,

. The transfer of the state of In daunger wisedome doth aduise, In humble termes to reconcile our soes. D. Lodge. - Wisedome and the fight of heauenly things,

Shines not so cleere as earthly vanities.

G. Chapman,

Tis sayd a wise man all mishaps withstands, and a For though by starres wee borne to mischieses are, Yet prudence bailes vs quite from carefull bands.

M. of M.

Fore-sight doth still on all advantage lie. Wise men must giue place to nécessitie.

M. Dr.

A wiseman poore Is like a sacred Booke that's neuer read, l'himselfe hee liues, and to all else scemes dead: This age thinkes better of a gilded foole, Then of thred_bare saint in wisedomes schoole.

Th. Dekkar. Vise men let faults ore-passe, they cannot mend. Ch. Middle.

VVho can themselues beware by others costs, May bee accounted well among the wife.

S. I. H.

- Whatsoeuer Starres seeme to importune, in A Wisedome predominares both fate andfortune, Ch. Fitz Griffon, nonstive

Vit.

The witte the pupill of the foules cleere eye, And in mans, world the onely shining starre, which Lookes in the mirror of the phantasie, Where all the gathering of the sences ate, From thence this power the shape of things abstracts And them within her passiue part receiues, Which are inlightened by that part which acts, and And so the forme of single things receives: But after by discoursing to and fro, Anticipating and comparing things ve autom She doth all vniuersall natures know, And all effects into their causes bring. Our witte is given Almightie God to know, Our will is guen to loue him being knowne, But God could norbee knowne to vs below, But by his works, which through the sence are (knowne, Lanis. Com

Wit is the mindes cheefe judge, which doth controle, Of fancies Court the judgements false and vaine, Will, holdes the royall scepter in the soule, And on the passions of the heart doth raigne.

Idem.

Emulation the proud nurse of witte. S.D.

-Wit and learning are two Angelles wings,

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By which meane men soare vp to mightie things.
Ch. Middl.

Wit is with boldnesse prompt, with terror daunted, And grace is sooner got of dames then graunted.

Ed. Spencer.

Some loose their wit with loue, some with ambition Some running to the sea great wealth to get,

Some following Lords and men of high conditions

Some in fayre iewelles, rich and costly set.

One hath desire to prooue a rare magician,

Others with Poetrie their witte forgets

Another thinkes to bee an Alchimitt,

Till all heespent, and hee his number mist.

S. I. H.

Mans wit is monstrous, when the same from vertue doth

W. Warner. (decline)

Mans witte doth build for time but to deuoure,

But Vertue's free from time and fortunes power.

M. Dr.

The wit not hurt, because not vsed more,

Growes dull and farre lesse toward then before.

Wits ambition longeth to the best;

For it desires in endlesse blisse to dwell.

I. Danis.

Best loues are lost for wit, when men blame fortune.

G. Chapman.

— Carelesse wit is wanton bewtiespage.

D. Lodge.

The finest wittes are soonest snarde with loue.

The Achellye.

A

A setled braine is worth a world of witte.

Th. Storer.

Wits want makes men desirous to seeme wise.

Woe.

Woe all in blacke within her hands did beare,
The fatall torches of a funerall,
Her cheekes were wet, dispersed was her hayre,
Her voyce was shrill (yet lothsome therewithal)
D. Lodge.

Short time seemes long in sorrowes sharp sustaining, Though woe bee heavie, yet it seldome sleepes, And they that watch see time how slow it creepes.

W. Shakespeare.

——Fellowship in woe, doth woe asswage,
As palmers that make short their pilgrimage.

Idem.

Tis double death to drowne in ken of shore,
He ten times pines, that pines behoulding sood:
To see the salue doth make the wound ake more,
Great gricses greeue most at that would doe it good,
Deere woes rowle forwarde like a gentle stood:
Who being stopt, the bounden bankes ore slowes,
Greese dallied with, nor law nor limmit knowes.

Idem.

Distresse likes dumps, when time is kept with teares.

Idem.

For stronger woe we hardly long may wrest,
The depth of griese with words is sounded least.
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The Painter
Who thought his colours pale could not declare
he speciall woe King Agamemnon bate,
when sacrificed was his onely rage,
with bend of blacke he bound the fathers face.

Th. Hudson.

Words.

words.

yery succeeders of our clyent woes, yery succeeders of intestate ioyes, oore breathing Orators of miseries, et them have scope, though what it doth impart elpe not at all, yet doth it ease the heart.

UV. Sh.

ords are the tennants of an itching toy.

D. Lodge.

lusion of words is no sure ground, or one thereon a steddle worke to found, he word of woe another after traineth.

S. Ph. Sydney.

——Few words shall fit the trespasse best;
here no excuse can give the fault amending.

W. Sh.

eepe sounds make better noyse then shallow fords, id sorrow ebbes being blown with wind of words.

W. Sh.

ords are but winde, why cost they then so much, e giltie kicke when they too smartly touch.

Idem:

rth irreturnable flies the spoken word,

Bce

Bee it in scoffe, in earnest, or in bourd,
VV1thout returne and vnreceiu'd it hangs,
And at the takers mercie or rigor stands:
Which it hee sowrely wrest, with wrathfull cheare,
The shiuering word turnes to the hearers seare:
If friendly courtesse doe the word expound,
To th'speakers comfort quickly it doth redound.

Idem.

Smoothe words dissolue hard stones, faire words in-Pittie in slintie hearts. (sorce

Ch. Middl.

Through the world if it were fought,
Faire words enow a man should finde,
They bee good cheape, they cost right nought,
Their substance is but onely winde:
But well to say, and so to meane,
That sweete accord is seldome seene.

S. Th. W.

Words well plac't moue things were neuer G. Chapman. (thought

Euen as the vapour which the fire repelles,
Turnes not to earth, but in mid-ayre dwelles,
Where while it hangs, if Boreas frostie flawes,
With rigor rattle it: not to raine it thawes,
But thunder, lightning, ratling, hayle, or snow,
Sends downe to earth, whence first it rose below,
But if faire Phebus with his countenance sweete
Resolue it, downe the dew or Manna sleete:
The Manna dew that in the Esterne lands,
Excelles the labour of the Beess mall hands,

Is for her Memnon, gray Auroraes teares, On the earth it stilleth the partner of her seares, Or sendeth sweet showres to glad their mother earth. Whence first they tooke their first inconstant birth, o those great greeses ill taken words do grow. Of words well taken such delights do flow.

M. of M.

Men do foulest when they finest speake,
S. Daniell,

They wash a Moore, they strive to drie the seas, and plaine proude Atlas, that intend to please by filthy woords, by rayling, and detraction, roper to Momus, and his hatefull faction: or when they thinke they have deserved most, las sayth wisedome, all the toyle is lost.

D. Lodge.

ew words well coucht, doe most content the wise.

R. Greene.

Rash words flow from an vnaduised mind.
Who once hath past the boundes of honestie
n earnest deedes, may passe it well in words.

G. G. (speech be true laue care to whom, of whom, and what to speake, though that misse made Phabus contrarie his raues swan-like W. W. (hue.

f so the crow would feast him without prate,

More meate hee should receive, lesse brawle and hate

I foole hee is that comes to preach and prate,

When men with swords their right & wrong debate.

Words well disposed,

laue secret power t'appease inflamed rage. Ed. Sp.

Womens

Women.

Framde with the same parts of the mind as we.
Nay nature trimmpht in their beauties birth,
And women made the glorie of the earth:
The life of bewtie, in whose supple breasts,
And in her fairest lodging vertue rests,
V hose towring thoughts attended with remorse,
Do make their fairenesse be of greater force.

I. Weener.

What art so deepe, what science is so hie,

Vnto the which women have not attain'd,

Who list in stories old to looke, may trie

And find my speech herein nor falle nor fain'd,

And though of late they seeme not to come nie

The praise their sex in former times have gain'd,

Doubtlesse the fault is either in back-biters,

Or want of skill or judgement in their writers,

Idem.

Among the many rare and speciall gifts,
That in the semale sexe are sound to sitte,
This one is chiefe, that they at meerest shifts,
Give best aduise, and shew most readie witte,
But man except hee chewes and thinks, and sists,
How everie part may sunswere to their sit,
By rash aduise doth often over-shoote him,
And doth accept the things that doe notboote him.

Those vertues that in women merit prayse,
Are sober showes without, chaste thoughts within.

Truth

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Truth sayth, and due obedience to their make, And of their children honest care to take, S. I. H.

Let woolues and beafts be cruel in their kind, But women meeke, and haue relenting mindes.

M. Drayton.

Not women, but our wilfulnesse doth work our woe unrest Though beautie, loue, and they beare fault, we may abuse W. W. (the best.

Men haue Marble, women waxen minds And therefore are they form'd as Marble will, The weake oppress, th'impression of strange kindes, Is form'd in them by force, by fraude, or skill, Then call not them the Authors of their ill, No more then waxe shall bee accounted cuill, Wherein is stampt the semblance of the diuell. Their smoothenesse like a goodly champaine plaine, Laies open all the little wormes that creepe, In men as in a rough growen groue remaine, Caue-keeping euilles, that obscurely sleepe, Through cristall walles each little moule will peepe, Though men can couer minds with bold stern looks Pale womens faces are their owne faults Bookes. No man inueyes against the withered flower, But chides rough winter that the flower hath kild, Not that deuourd, but that which doth deuour, Is woorthie blame, O let it not be hild, Poore womens faults, that they are so fulfil'd, With mens abuses those proude lores to blame, Make weake-made women tenants to their shame.

W. Shakespeare.

Be

Bee not therefore too proude and full offcome, O women-kind, that men come of your seede, The fragrant Rose growes on the pricking thorne, The Lillie fayre comes of a filthie weede, In loathsome soyle men sow the wholsome corne, The basest mould the fairest flower doth breede. Vngratefull, false, crafrie you are, and cruell, Borne of our burning hell to bee the fuell. S.I.H.

Base bullion for the stampe sake wee allow, Euenso for mens impression doe wee you, By which alone our renerend tathers say, Women receiue perfection cuerie way.

Ch. Marlow.

Their Vertues mount like billowes to the skies, And vanish Graight out of the gazers eyes, Hate and distaine is painted in they reyes, Deceit and treason in their bosome lies, and the

e Main G. Charmani in et (paine, Women were made for this intent, to put vs vnto Yet sure I thinke they are a pleasure to the mind, A joy which man can hener want, as naune hath af-

, while a surface to Idems the transfiguid, Extreamely mad the man't furely deeme; That weenes with watch and hand reftraint to flay A womans will, which is dispoted to goe aftray.

Ed. Spencer! 2

In vaine hee feares that which hee cannot shume, For who wots not that womens subulgies and the Can gnilen Argus, when thee hit milde one, It is not iron bands nor hundred eyes,

Nor

Nor brazen walles, nor many wakefull spyes, That can with-hold her wilfull wandring feete, But fast good will with gentle curtesies, And timely seruice to her pleasures meeke, May her perhaps containe that else would algates Idem. ... fleete.

Such is the crueltie of women-kind, When they have shaken off the shaine fac't band, with which wife nature did them strongly bind, Tobey the helts of mans wel-ruling hand, That then all rule and reason they with stand, To purchase a licencious libertie. But vertuous women wisely understand, That they were borne to base humilitie,

Vnlesse the heavens them life to lawfull soueraintie. S. Ph. Sydney.

Why?what be women?women, geld the latter sillable, Then are they nothing more than woe, their names re-

maine deth tell.

Take away: weakenesse, and take women too. S.D.

Women may fall, when there's no strength in men. But the W. Show at the administration

They melt with words, as waxe against the sunne, So weake is many womens modellie, For what sometimes they, most would seeme to sheeld Another time vnaskte pootesoules they yeeld,

Ch. Middleton.

Awoman (woman Loues to be moed of a man, thou knowst well Thirsis, a Runs, and yet so runs, as thongh she desir dto be out-run Saies

Saies no, no, yet so as no no, seems to be no, no, . (quisht, Strives, & yet sostrives, as though she desird to be van-Woman's like to a shade, that flies, yet lies by the subject, Like to a Bee, that never strives if sting be remooned. A. Fraunce.

In womens mouthes no is no negative. I.W. (most, Their yea, or no, when as they sweare they loue or loue vs Beleeue who list, soone be they got, as sodainely are lost. (How,

A womans loue is riuer-like, which flopt will ouer-And when the current finds no let, it often falles too (low. Idem.

Varietie of men to court a woman is her pride, I'nen which the vanity of men is nothing lesse espide What are to vs but common hurts, Those common hopes they give,

Isthen their loue doth die to vs, VVhen ours to them doth line.

Idems

VVomen neuer

Loue beautie in their sexe, but enuie cuer. G. Chapman.

There cannot bee a greater clogge to man, Then to be wearie of a wanton woman,

S.I.H.

-What more spight can be a woman told, Then one should say she looketh foule and old.

Idem.

-Bee shee base or hie, A womans eye doth guide her wit, & not her wit her W.W.

Women are most wonne, as when men merit least,

If merit looke not well, loue bids stand by, Loues proper lesson is to please the eye,

G. Ch.

He water plowes, and soweth in the sand And hopes the flickering wind with net to hold, Who hath his hopes layd on a womans hand. S.P.S

Soone hot, and soone cold, like, and mislike in a moment,

Change as a weather-cocke, and all as light as a fether.

A.Fr.

Women haue tongues of crast, and hearts of guile, They will, they will not, sooles that on them lutt, For in their speech is death, hell in their smile.

Ed. Fairfax.

One woman with another may do much. Th. Ach. Like vntund golden strings all women are, Which long time lievntoucht, will harshly iarre.

Ch. Marlow.

Discurteous women natures fairest ill,
The woe of man, that first createst curse,
Base semale sexe, sprung from blacke Ates loynes,
Proude, disdainefull, cruell, and vniust,
Whose words are shaded with inchaunting wiles,
Worse then Meduse, mateth all our mindes,
And in their hearts sits shamelesse trecherie,
Turning a truthlesse vile circumference,
O could my sury paint their suries forth,
For hell, no hell compared to their hearts.
Too simple diuelles, to conceine their arts:
Borne to be plagues vnto the thoughts of men,
Rrought for eternall pestilence to the worlde.

R Greene.
VVith

with wome is tooysual now theirs & theselves to sel, For iointures by indeture with imperious me to dwel And hee doth her, and she doth him with his and her w. UU. (vpbraid.

Women are kind by kind, and coy for fashion.

H. C.

Of Wrath,

Fierce reuenging wrath Rides on a Lyon, loth for to beeled, And in his stand a burning brand hee had, The which hee brandished about his head, His eyes did hurle foorth sparkles fierie redde, And stared sterne on all that him beheld, As ashes pale of hew, and seeming dead, And on his dagger still his hand hee held, Trembling through hastie rage when choller in him (sweld. Ed. Spencer.

- Boyling wrath, sterne, cruell, swift, & rash, That like a boareher teeth doth grinde and gnash, Whose hayre dooth stare like bristled porcupine, Who sometimes rowles her gastly glowing eyene, And sometimes fixly on the ground doth glaunce, Now bleake, then bloudy in her countenance, Rauing and rayling with a hideous found, Clapping her hands, stamping against the ground, Bearing Bocconi, fire, and Iword, to flay And murder all that for her pittie pray, Banning her selse to bane her enemie, Disdaining death, prouided others die, Like falling towres o're-turned by the wind,

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That breake themselves on that they undergrinde.

1. Syluester.

Full many mischieses sollow cruell wrath, As horrid bloud-shed, and tumultuous strife, Vnmanly murther, and vnthristie scath, Bitter despight, and rancors rustie knife, And stretting greese, the enemie of life, All these and many cuilles more haunt ire, The swelling spleene, and frenzie raging rise, The shaking palsie and Saint Fraunces sire.

Ed. Spencer.

When men with wrath and sudden paines of ire,
Suffer themselves to bee o're-whelm'd and drownd,
And hot revenge that burnes like flaming fire,
Mooues hearts to hurt, or tongs or hands to wound,
Though after to amend, if they desire,
Yet place of pardon seldome can be found.

S. I. H.

What iron band, or what sharpe hard-mouth'd bitte, what chaine of Diamond (if such might bee)
Can bridle wrathfulnesse, and conquer it,
And keepe him in his bounds and due degree.

Idem.

——Hastie wrath and heedlesse hazardie, Doe breede repentance and lasting infamie.

Ed. Spencer.

Poore sillie lambes the Lion never teares,
The feeble Mouse may lie among great Beares,
But wrath of man his rancour to require,
Forgets all reason, rush, and mercie quite.

M. of M.

Occasion to wrath and cause of strife,
She comes vnsought, and shunned followes eke:
Happy, who can abstaine when rancor rise
Kindles reuenge and threates his cruell knise:
Woe neuer wants when every cause is caught,
And rash occasion makes vnquiet life. Ed. Spencer:
Be not moody in thy wrath, but pawze ere fift be bent,
Oft Phillips sonne did rashly strike and sodenly repents
W. Warner:

Achilles when with counterfaired crest,
He saw Patroclus bleeding all the way,
To kill his killer was not satisfied,
Except he hald and tare him all beside &
S. I. H.

If fortune helpe whome thou wouldst hurt;
Fret not at it the more,
When Aiax stormed them from him,
The prize Vlisses bore.

W. Warner.

Rage, wanne and pale vpon a Tygre sat
Gnawing vpon the bones of mangled men,
Nought can be view but he repines thereat, (an den)
His locks were snakes bred forth in Stigi-T. Lodge,

World,

The antique world in his first flowring youth,
Found no defect in his creators grace,
But with glad thanks and vnreprooued truth,
The gifts of soueraigne bountie did embrace,
Like angelles life was then mans happie case:

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But later ages pride like corne-sed steede, Abvsde her plentie and fatswoln increase, To all licencious lust, and gan exceede,

The measure of her meane and naturall sirst seede.

Ed. Spencer. (worlds remaine, VV hen arked Noah, and seuen with him the emptie Had lest the instrumetall means of landing the again And that both ma beast & all did multiply with store To Asia Sem, to Affrick Cha, to Europe Iapheth bore Their families, thus triple wise the world divided was

VV. VV.

I take this world to bee but as a stage,

Where net-maskt men do play their personages,

Tis but a murmur and a pleasant shew,

Syth ouer all strange vanities do flow.

I. Syluester.

The world to the circumference of heaven, Is as a small poynt in Geometrie,

Whose greatnesse is so little that a lesse
Cannot bee made.

Th. Dekkar

The first world blessed was with heauenly fauours, Aud the last curst with painefull hellish labours.

Ch. Middl.

Draine worlds glorie, and vncertaine state,
Dfall that lives on face of sinfull earth,
Vhich from their first untill their utmost date,
Saste no one howre of happinesse or mirth,
But like as is the ingate of their birth.
They crying creepe out of their mothers wombe,
o wayling backe, goe to their carefull tombe.

Ed, Spencer,

Ah wretched world, the den of wretchednesse,
Desormed with filth and soule iniquitie,
Ah wretched world, the house of heauinesse,
Fild with the wreakes of mortall miserie,
Oh wretched world and all that is therein,
The vassals of Gods wrath, and slaues to sinne,

Idem.

That which is firme doth flit and fall away,
And that is flitting doth abide and stay.

Must not the world wend in his common course,
From good and bad, and then from bad to wourse,
From worst vnto that which is worst of all,
And then returne vnto his former fall;

Who will not suffer the stormie time,
Where will hee line vntill the lustic prime;

Idem.

This golden age to yron doth decline,
As summer vato winter must resigne.

Di Lodge.

The first and riper world of men and skill,
Yeelds to our latter time for three inuentions,
Myraculoully wee write, wee sayle, wee kill,
As neither nuncient serowle nor storie mentions.
Print. The first hath opened learnings old concealed
And obscurde arts restored to the light:
Loadst. The second hidden countries hath reueald,
And sent Christs Gospel to each living wight.
These we commend, but oh what needeth more,
Guns. To teach death more skill then he had before

Th. Bastard,

Take

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Take moysure from the sea, take colour fro his kinds
Before the world deuoyd of change thou finde.

All that in this world is great or gays

Doth as a vapour vanish and decay.

Ed. Spencer.

This is the rest the vaine world lendes, To end in death, that all things ends,

S. Daniell.

All men are willing with the world to hault, But no man takes delight to know his fault.

D. Lodge.

A die, a drab, and filthie broking Knaues,
Are the worlds wide mouthes, al-deuouring graues,

I. Marston.

Nothing doth the world so full of mischiese fill, But want of seeling one-anothers will,

G. Chapman.

As it was woont) but by that fame that seemeth,

Ed. Spencer.

There never shall bee any age so cleere,
But in her smoothe face shall some faults appeared
Th. Widdl.

The world must end, for men are so accurst, Vnlesse God end it sooner, men will first,

Th. Bastard.

Youth.

Youth is a bubble blowen vp with a breath, VVhose wit is weaknes, and whose wage is death, whose way is wildnes, and whose Inne penance,

And

And stoope gallant age, the hoast of grecuance.

Ed. Spencer.

If crooked age accounteth youth his spring,
The spring the fayrest season of the yeere,
Enricht with flowers, and sweetes, and many a thing
That sayre and glorious to the eye appeares:

It fits that youth the spring of man should bee, Richt with such flowers as vertue getteth thee.

R. Greene.

For noble youth there is no thing so meete
As learning is, to know the good from ill,
To know the tongues, and perfectly endite,
And of the lawes to haue the perfect skill
Things to reforme as right and instice will:
For honour is ordained for no cause,
But to see right maintained by the lawes.

M. of M.

The youth of Princes have no boundes for sinne, Vnlesse themselves doe make the bounds within.

S. Daniell.

Most true it is, as vessels of first licours ener taste,

Lone seasoned so with sweetnes of youth, the same dooth

W. Warner,

(ener last.)

Like as the vessell euer beares a taste

Of the same juice wherewith it first was fil'd,

And as in fruitfull ground the scede growes fast,

That first is sowen after the ground is till'd:

So looke what lore in youthfull yeeresis plast,

By that they grow the worse or better willed,

When as they came to manly age and stature,

Sith education is another nature.

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S.I.H.

The tunne retaineth long the taste and sent,

Of that pure licour which at first it hent,

And what impression one in youth retaine,

In age our reason hardly will restraine,

D. Lodge.

The same for lawfull daily he receiues.

Idem.

Age is deformed youth vnkind,

Nee scorne their bodyes, they our mindes,

Th. Bastard.

the youth are foolish hardy, or lesse hardy the they ought isfeminate, fantasticke, in few not few, are nought. W. Warner.

Forward sinne in raines of foolish rage, eaues heedlesse youth inchaind his captine page.

D. Lodge.

Youth doth deserve by might, ut old age by good counsell and fore-sight.

Idem.

Youth may loue, and yongmen may admired old age cannot, yet it will defire.

I. Weener.

grained habits died with often dips
e not so soone discoloured, yong slippes
ew set, are easily mou'd and pluckt away,
t clder tootes clippe faster in the clay,

I. Murston.
e plow-man first his land doth dresse and turne,
d makes it apt or ere the seede he sow,
hereby hee is full like to reape the corne,

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Where

When youth have wealth before they can well vse it,
It is no woonder though they doe abuse it.

M. of M.

Reform the eve to day, unapt to day, least apt to morrow Youth aptly offers vertues, such as yeares unaptly borrow UV. UV.

Looke what wee have when youth is most in prime,
That shall wee want in age by course of time,
Th. Churchyard.

The division of the day naturall.

Mediænoctis inclinatio.

Night was farre spent, and now in Ocean deepe,
Orion flying fast from hissing snake,
His flaming head did hasten for to steepe. Ed. Sp.
By this the ternall lamps wherewith high Ioue,
Doth light the lower world, were halfe yspent,
And the moyst daughters of huge Atlas stroue
Into the ocean deep to drive their wearie droue. Ide

Implyes her middle course, and the sharpe east,
Breathes on my spirit with his fierie scedes.

G. Chapman.

The filent night that long had soicurned, Now gan to call her sable mantle off, And now the seepic waine-man softly droue

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His slow-pac't teeme that long had trauailed. Th. Kyd.

Gallicinium.

By this the Northerne Wagoner had set His seuen-fold teeme behind the stedfall starre, That was in Ocean waves, yet neuer wet, But firme is fixt, and sendeth light from farre, To all that in the wide deepe wandring are, And cheereful chauntte cleere with his notes shrill, Had warned once that Phebus fierie carre, In haste was climing vp to Esterne hill,

Full envious that the night so long his roome did fill,

Ed. Spencer.

What time the natiue Bel-man of the night, The bird that warned Peter of his fall, First rings his silver bel to each sleeping wight, That should their mindes vp to denotion call. Idem. The cheerefull cocke, the sad nights trumpeter, Wayting voon the rising of the sunne, Doth fing to fee how Cynthia shrinks her hor Where Chitia takes her progresse to the East, VVhere wringing west with drops of silver dev Her wonted teares of loue she doth renew, The wandering swallow with her broken song The countrie wench vnto her worke awakes, Whilst Cytherea sighing, walks to seeke, Her murdered loue transformed to a rose, Whom though the fee, to croppe thee kindly feares But kissing lighes, and dewes him with her teares.

Th. Kyd.

Now ere the purple dawning yet did spring, The ioyfull Larke begantostrerch her wing. And now the cocke the mornings trumpeters Plaid hunts vp, for the day-starre to appeare, Downe slideth Phebe from her cristall chayre, S'daigning to lend her light vntot ke ayre. M. Drayton.

Diliculum,

At last fayre Hesperus in highest skie, Had spent his lamp, & brought forth dawning light,

The night growen old, her blacke head waxen gray. Sure shepheards signe that morn wil soon fetch day

It was the time when gainst the breaking day, Rebellious night yet stroue and still repined, For in the east appeares the morning gray, And yet some lampes in Ioues high pallace shined.

By this Apolloes golden harpe beganne To send forth musicke to the Ocean, Which watchfull Hesperus no sooner heard, But hee the day bright bearing carre prepar'd, And ranne before, as harkenger of light, And with his flaming beames mockt vgly nig Ch. Marlow.

Lycaons sonne.

The hardy plough-swaine vnto mightie Loue Hath trac'd his silver furrowes in the heaven, And turning home his ouer-watched teeme,

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Giues leaue vnto Apolloes chariot.

R. Greene.

Nights candles are burnt out, and iocond day, Stands tiptoe on the missie mountaines top, UV. Sh.

Loe now the gentle Larke wearie of rest,
From his moyst cabynet mounts vp on hie,
And wakes the morning from whose silver breast,
The sunne ariseth in his maiestie:

VV ho doth the world so gloriously behold,
That Cedar tops and hilles seem'd burnisht gold.

Idem.

Mane,

The ioyous day gan earlie to appeare,
And fayre Aurora fro her dewy bed
Of aged Tithon gan her selfe to reare
With rose cheekes, for shame as blushing red.
Ed. Spencer.

Now when the rosse-singred morning sayre,
Wearie of aged Tithons saffron bed,
Had spread her purple robe through dewie ayre,
And the high hilles Titan discouered,
The royall Virgin shooke off drowsie bed,

Idem.

Now sullen night with slow sad pace descended To vgly hell, when loe the blushing morrow Lends light to all faire eyes that light will borrow.

W. Sh.

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Soone

Soone as the morrow saire with purple beames, Disperst the shadowes of the mistie night, And Titan playing on the easterne streames, Gan cleare the dewie ayre with springing light. Ed. Spencer.

The dewie Roseat morne had with her hayres, In sundrie sorts the Indian clime adornde, And now her eyes apparelled in teares, The losse of louely Memnon long had mornde,

D. Lodge.

The gaudie morne out of her golden sleepe Awakte, and little birdes vncagde gan fing, To welcome home the bride-groome of the fea.

G. Peele.

The gray-eyde morne smiles on the frowning night, Cheering the easterne cloudes with streams of light, And darkenesse flected like a drunkard reeles, From forth dayes path-way made by Titans wheels,

W.Sh.

Now had the morne espide her louers steedes, Whereat sheestarts, puts on her purple weede, And red for anger that hee stayd so long, All headlong throwes her selfe the cloudes among. Ch. Marlow.

As scon as merning her shining haires fro the mountains Had shewen forth & driven all star-light quite fro the (busband A. Fraunce. heavens. Faire Aurora betimes by the daies break rose from her Husband, cla & cold, & drane back clouds fro Olympas Making way to the sun, taking her way to the younker, Braue yonker Cephalus whom faire Aurora desired.

Idem.

Now

Now was the time when as Aurora faire, Began to shew the world her golden head, And looke abroade to take the coole fresh ayre, Icalous Tithono lying still in bedde.

S. I. H.

The sable night dislodgd and now beganne, Auroraes viher with a windie fanne, Sweetely to shake the woods on everic fide, The whilst his mistresse like a stately bride, With flowers, with gemmes, and Indian gold doth Her louely locks her louers looks to tangle, (spangle VVhen passing through the aire in mantle blue, With silver frindge she drops the pearlie dew, With her goes Abram out.

I,Syluester.

The rosse fringed morne with gladsome ray, Rose to her taske from old Tithonas lap.

El. Fairfax.

The night beginnes bee angrie when shee sees She can distill no sleepe in louers eyes, Tossing her selfe among the cloudes now hath Sent the red morne as harauld of her wrath, Whose louer Phebus rising from his bed, With dewie manule hath the world or'e-spread, Shaking his tresses ouer Neptunes ebbe: And giving tin dure to the spiders webbe, These fayre nimphs rose, seeing the light did call. I. Weener.

Aurora bright her cristall gates vnbatr'd, And bridegroome like stept forth the glorious sunne Ed, Fairfax,

The

The dewie tressic morning newly wake,
With golden tinsell scarse had crownd her brow,
Riding in triumph on the Ocean lake,
Embellishing the hony-fringed bowes.

The purple morning left her crimfin bed,
And dond her robes of pure vermillion hue,
Her amber locks shee crownd with roses red,
In Edens flowry gardens gathered new.

Ed. Fairfax.

Soles Ortus.

At last the golden Orientall gate
Of greatest heaven gan to open sayre,
And Phoebus sresh as bridegroome to her mate,
Came dauncing forth, shaking his dewie haire,
And hurles his glissering beames through gloomie

Ed. Spencer. (ayre

The sierie sunne was mounted vp on hight,

Vp to the heavenly towres, and shot each where

Out of his golden chariot glistering light:

And faire Aurora with her rosse hayre,

The hatefull darknesse now had put to flight.

Idem.

The golden sunne rose from the silver wave, And with his beames enameld everie grene, Ed. Fairfax.

The snoring snout of restlesse Phlegon blew, Hot on the Indes, which did the day renew With scarlet skie.

The Hadson.

Meridies.

Hyperion throwing forth his beames full oft, Into the highest toppe of heaven gan clime, And the world parting by an equall lot, Did shed his whirling flames on either side, As the great Ocean doth himselfe diuide.

When as the sunne towred in heavens head, Downe from the filuer mountaines of the skie, Bent his bright chariot on the glassie bed, Fayre Cristall gilded with his glorious eye, Fearing some vsnrpation in his sted, Or least his loue should too long dalliance spie, Tweene him and Virgo, whose attractive face, Had newly made him leave the Lions chace, In that same middayes hower &c.

1. Markham.

Golden Phæbus now that mounted hie From fierie wheeles of his fayre charior, Hurled his beames so scorching cruell hot, That living creature more it not abide.

Ed. Spencer.

In highest way of heaven the sunne did ryde, Progressing from fayre twins in golden place, Hauing no maske of cloudes before his face, But streaming forth his heate in cheefest pride.

S. Ph. Sydney.

Solis Occasus.

Now gan the golden Phæbus for to steepe,

His fierie face in billowes of the west, And his faint Steedes watred in Ocean deepe, Whilst from their journal! labours they doe rest.

Ed. Spencer.

In Is streame his golden locks doth steepe,
Sad even her dusky manule doth display,
Light stying souls the posts of night doe sport them,
And cheerefull looking Phæbe doth comfort them.

D. Lodge,

By this the welked Phoebus gan availe,

His wearie waine and now the frostie night,

Her mantle blacke through heaven gan overhaile,

Ed. Spencer.

Such loue as Phœbus from the coloured skie,
Did headlong drive his horses toward the west,
To suffer horned Lana for to prye,
Amidst the dns ky darke.

D. Lodge:

When as the Sun hales towards the westerne slade, And the tree shadowes three times greater made.

And now the Sunne was past his middleway,
Leaning more louely to his lemmon bed,
And the Moones third howre had attacht the day.

-I. Markham.

By this the sunne had spred his golden locks
Vpon the pale greene carpet of the sea,
And opened wide the scarlet doore which locks,
The easeful eneming from the labouring day,
Now night beganne to leape from yron rocks,

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And whippes her rustie waggon through the way.

Idem.

The blashing sunne plucks in his smiling beames,
Making his steedes to mend their woonted pace,
Till plunging downe into the ocean streames,
There in the froathie waves hee hides his face,
Then raines them in more then his vsuall space,
And leaves soule darknesse to possesse the skie,
A time most fit for soulest tragedie.

M.D. War was for put in

Now the sunne is mounted up on hie, And pawseth in the midst of all the skie, His fierie face upon the earth doth beate. And bakes it with intollerable heate.

I. Authoris.

Vesper.

Was mounted hie in toppe of heavens sheene,
And warned had his brethren ioyous,
To light their blessed lamps in Iones eternall house,
Ed. Spencer.

By this the night from forth the darksome bower Of Erebus, her teemed steedes gan call, And lazie V. feer in his timely howre, From golden Oeta gan proceede withall.

R. Greene.

About the time when Vesper in the West, Gan set the eucning watch, and silent night, Richly attended by his twinckling traine, Sent sleepe and sumber to possesse the world.

And

And fantasie to hauzen idle heades,
Vnder the stately Canopie of heauen,
I layd me downe laden with many cares.

G. Peele,

Now the worlds comforter with wearie gate,
His dayes hot taske hath ended in the VVest,
The owle (nights harauld) shreekes, tis verie late,
The sheepe are gone to fold, the birds to nest,
The cole-blacke cloudes that shadow heavens light
Dosummon vs to parte and bid good night,
W. Sh.

Noctis initium.

Now gan the hunni'd vapour shed the ground With pearlie dew, and the earths gloomie shade Did dimme the brightnesse of the welkin round, That euerie beast and bird awarned made, To shrowde themselves, while sleep their senses did Ed. Spencer. (inuade,

The silent shadowes with their mother vaile,
The bright lampe of heaven from Thetis hid,
Apolloes sister in her starry rayle,
Along her lower Sphere in triumpe led,

D. Lodge.

With shining brand lighting his eben carre, Whose axeltree was iet auchaet with starres, And roose with shining rauens feathers cealed, Piercing my eye lids as I lie along, Awaked me through,

G. Peele,

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Thus whiles dumb sights their yeelding hearts enta-The aire with sparks of living sire was spagled, (gled And night deepe drencht in missie Acheron, Heaved vp her head halfe the world vpon, Breath'd darknes forth, darke night is Cupids daie.

Ch. Marlow.

Vights vaile arose and sunnes bright luster chacde,

Ed. Fairfax.

nuested in her stately vale the night n her kind armes embraced all the round, the siluer moone from Sea vprising bright, spred frostie pearle vpon the canded ground.

Idem.

Now blacke-browde night plast in her chaire of iet, at wrapt in cloudes within her cabinet, nd with her duskie mantle ouer-spread he path the sunnie Palfraies vsde to tread, nd Cynthia sitting in her Cristall chayre, tall her pompe did ride along her Sphere, he honyed dew descended in soft showres, wizled in pearle vpon the tender flowers: nd Zephire husht, who with a whispering gale, the emed to harken to the nightingale, which in the thornie brakes with her sweet song, nto the silent night bewrayde her wrong.

M. Dra.

Noctis concubium.

w was the heavenly vanlt deprinde of light the funnes depart, and now the dark nes of the night, Did

Did light those beamy stars which greater lite did dark Now each thing that inioyd that fier se quickning spark (Which life is cald) were moud their spirits to repose, Andwanting vse of eyes, their eies began to close: A silence sweete, each where with one consent imbrast Amusicke sweete, to one in carefullmusing plast: Andmother earth, now clad in morning weed, did A dull desire to kisse th'image of our death. (breath S. Ph. Sydney.

It was the time, when rest soft sliding downe From heauens height, into mans heauie eyes, In the forgetsulnesse ofsleepe doth drowne The carefull thoughts of mortall miseries,

Ed. Spencer.

- The sunne alreadie sanke Beyond our world, and ered got my boothe, Each wight with matle black the night doth scoots Sauing the glow-worm, which would courteous be Of that small light oft watching sleepers see. The welkin had full niggardly inclosed In coffer of dimme cloudes his filuer groates, I cleped flarres, each thing to rest disposde, The caues were full, the mountaines voyde of goate The birds eyes closde, closed their chirping notes; As for the nightingale, woods musicke King, It August was, he'e daind not then to fing. S. Ph. Sydney.

-- Now the fable shade

I cleped night had thicke enueloped The sunne, in vaile of double darknes made Sleepe eased care, rest brought complaint to bed.

Ed, Fairfax.

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Now from the fresh, the soft, and tender bed,
Of her still mother gentle night out flew
The fleeting balme on hilles and dales shee shed,
With honey drops of pure and precious dew,
And on the verdure of greene forrests spred,
The virgin prime rose, and the violet blew,
And sweete-breath Zephire on his spreading wings
Sleepe, ease, repose, rest peace, and quiet brings,
The thoughts and troubles of broade waking day,
They softly dip in mil de oblinions lake,

Idem.

Intempestanox.

Aboue the shinie Cassiopeias chaire, which have And all in deadly sleepe did drowned lies to be a second to the se

Midnight was come, when everie vitall thing, with sweete sound sleepe their weatie limbs did rest. The beasts were still, the little birds that sing. Now sweetely slept besides their mothers brest. The old and all were shrowded in their rest. The waters calme, the cruell seas did cease, The woods, the fields, and all things held their peace. The golden starres were whirld amidst they race.

And on the earth did laugh with twinckling light, V hen each thing nessled in his resting place, Forgat dayes payne with pleasure of the night, The hare had not the greedic hounds in sight, The searcfull Deare of death stood not in doubt,

The Partrich dreamd not of the falchens foot,

The

The vgly beare now minded not the stake,

Nor how the cruell mastisses doe her teare,

The stagge lay still vnroused from the brake,

The some bere fear'd not the hunters speare,

All things were still in desart, bush and breere:

The quiet heart now from their trauailes rest,

Soundly they slept in most of all their rest.

M. Sackuile.

Sad Cafsiopeia with a heavie cheere
Pusht forth her forehead to make knowne from farre,
What time the deadly dole of earth drewe neere.

I. Markham.

With falling mists the darkesome night extended
Her sable wings, and gently ouer-spread
Heauens gloomie vaile, whence Phœbus lampe was
Dead time of rest to euerie mortall wight, (fled,
To cheerefull mindes that bringeth wanton sleepe,
With many a phantasse and deluding toy,
And pensue heart it doth delaie and keepe
From redious companie, that would annoy,
Dull Saturnists that have abjurdall 10y.

Th. Storer .-

Now spread the night her spangled canopie,
And summond en erie restlesse soule to sleepe,
On beds of tender grasse the beasts doe lie,
The fishes slumbted in the silent deepe,
Visheard was Serpents hisse and Dragons crie,
Birds left to sing and Philomele to weepet

Onely that noyse heavens rolling circle kest, Sung sullaby to bring the world to rest.

Ed. Fairfax.

Noctis

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Noctis initium. when low the night with missie mantle spread Gan darke the day, and dimme the azure skies, And Venus in her mellage Hermes sped To bloudy Mars, to will him not to rife, While shee her selse approacht in speedie wise And Virgo hiding her disdainfull breast, VVIch Thetis now had layd her downe to rest. While Scorpio dreading Sagitarius dart, Whose bow prest bent, in fight the string had slipes Downe slid into the Ocean floud a part, The beare that in the irish seas had dipt Is grifly feete, with speede from thence he whipt or Thetis halting from the virgins bed, urfude the beare that ere she came was fled, nd Phasthon now neere reaching to his race, Vith gliftering beames gold ffreaming where they Vas prest to enter in his resting place, (benta mybius that in the carte first went, ad euen now attain'd his iourneyes stent, nd fast declining hid away his head, here Titan couchthim in his purple bed, nd now pale Cynthia with her borrowed light, ginning to supplie her brothers place, as palt the noone-sted sixe degrees in sight, hen sparkling starres amidst the heavens face, th twinckling light flione on the earth apace, at while they brought about the nights chaire, e dark had dund the day ere I was ware, M.Sac. th time as from her mothers tender lap night atose, garded with gentle winds,

And with her precious dew refresht the sappe, Of bloome and darke, (whilst that her mantle blinds

The vaile of heaven) and every birde was still,

Saue Philomele that did bemone her ill;

When in the West Orion list alost

His stately crest, and smilde upon the twins,

And Cynthia seemely bright (whose eye sull oft Had watcht her love) with radiant light begins,

To pierce the vaile of filence with her beames,

Sporting with wanton cleere in Ocean Breames,
VVhen little winds in beating of their wings,

Did woe the eyes to leave their constant walke, And all was husht saue Zephirus that sings,

With louely breathings for the sea nymphs sake,
My wrathfull greefes perplexe my mind so sore,

That forth I walkt, my forrowes to deplore,

D. Lodge.

Poeticall Descriptions.

Of Theologie.

In chariot framed of celestials mould,
And simple purenesse of the purest skie,
A more then heanenly nymph I did behold,
Who glauncing on mee with her gracious eye,
So gave mee leave her beautie to espie,
For sure no sence such sight can comprehend,
Except her beames they fayre testection lend

Her beautie with eternitie beganne,
And onely vnto God was euer seene,
When Eden was possess with sinsuli man,
She came to him, and gladly would hauebeene,
The long succeedings worlds eternall Queene,

But they refused her (O hainous deede)

And from that garden banisht was that seede, Since when at sundric times and sundry wayes, Atheisme, and blinded ignorance conspire, How to obscure those holy burning rayes, And quench that zeale of heart-inflaming fire, As makes our soules to heavenly things aspire:

But all in vaine, for maugre all their might,

She neuer lost one sparkle of her light.

Pearles may bee foyld, and gold bee turn'd to droffe, The funne obscur'd, the moone bee turn'd to bloud,

The world may forrow for Astreas losse,

The heavens darkened like a duskie wood,

Wast deserts lie where watrie fountaines stood;

But fayre Theologic, for so shee hight)

Shall neuer loose one sparkle of her light.
Such one she was, as in his Hebrew song,
The wisest king for fairest creature prooues,
Embracing her the Cedar trees among,
Comparing her the Cedar trees among,

Comparing her to roses and to Doues, Preserring her before all other loues,

Such one she was, and cuerie whit as fayre, Besides these two was neuer such a payre.

T.Storer.

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Astrologie.

Her hand-maides in Amazon-like attire,

Went chaste and modest like Dianaes traine,

One by her gazing lookes seemes to aspire

Beyond the Moone, and in a high disdaine,

To deeme the world and worldly treasures vaine,

She hight Astrologie, on whose bright lawne,

Spheres Astrolabes and skilfull globes are drawn,

Retoricke.

The next, fayre smiling with a pleasing checke,
Had power to rauish and inchaunt mens cares,
Hight R betorick, whose shadowed vaile showen
With siluer tongues, and over it she weares, (cleere
A wimpled scarfe, bedewd with heaters teares,
Whose captine hearts she should detaine long while,
With pleasance of her vnaffected stile.

Of Logicke.

The third a quicke-eyde dame of piercing light, That reasons worth in equall ballance wayed, The truth shee lou'd about all earthly wight, Yet could not tell her loue, but what shee sayd Was certaine true, and shee a persect maide,

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Her garments short, tuckt vp to earth preparde, And shee calld Logicke without welt or gard.

The Storers

Arith,

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Arich, Musicke. Geometrie,

Mext these, whose outward lookes I knew aright,
And had some portion of their endlesse treasure,
Fayre Algebra with singers richly dight,
Sweete Musicke sounder of delightsome pleasure,
Earth-scanning nymph, directresse of all measure.

These humbly did her soueraigne highnes greet, And meekely layd their garlands at her seete.

From euerie one shee pluckt a speciall flower,
And layd each flower vpon a seuerall part,
Then from her one a stemme of wondrous power,
Whose leaves were beames, whose stalke a fiery dark
And that she layd vpon my trembling heart,

These were the buds of art, this plant of blisse, This gauethem life, they yeelded grace to this.

Th. Storer.

Of Battaile.

Two greater kings were neuer seene before.
Then camped was in Ragan field at morne,
With haughtie hearts enarmed all on ire,
Each souldiour set another so on fire,
Thar scarcely they could keepe them in their bounde
Till pipe or Cymball, or the Trumpet sound,
Denounce the chocke, but with their furious faces,
They threate their foes with fell menaces,
And stroks at hand, two thousand lads for lorne
(To blunt the sword) were downe in battaile borne,
Vpon their slames slew seruently their stones,

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Thas-

That bet they bucklers to their brused bones,
The Squadron then steps sternely to the stroke,
With hearts inhumane all the battaile yoakes,
And are supplyed with many mightie bands,
Some conuters them, and sternely them withstands,
With soote to soote each other overpries,
Both Medes and Caldes classe with gastly cryes,
Like Nylus streames that from the rocke dorumble,
Cr Encelade when he in tombe doth tumble.

The Hudfon.

Of a kiffe.

Best charge, and brauch retrait in Capids fight.

A double key which opens to the heart,

Most rich, when most his riches it impart,

Neast of young loyes, schoole-master of delight,

Teaching the meane at once to take and give,

The friendly stay, where blows both wound & heale.

The pertie death, where each in other live,

Poore hopes first wealth, hostage of promise weake.

Breakefast of love.

S. Ph. Sydney .

Of People.

People, lesse settled then the sliding sand,
Nore mutable then Proteus or the Moone,
Turnd and returnd in turning of a hand,
like Europusebbe flowing every noone.
Thou thousand headed headlesse mouster most,
Oft saine like Antheus, and as oft new rising,
Who hard as steele, as light as wingd art tost,
Camelion

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Camelion like, each objects colour prising .

I. Sylnester.

Disdaine.

As though the highest God desie he would:
In his right hand an iron clubbe hee held,
But hee himselse was all of golden mould,
Yet had both life and sence, and well could weilde
That cursed we apon, when his cruell soes he queld,
Distaine he ealled was, and did distaine
So to be calde, and who so him did call,
Ed. Spencer.

Of the same.

Loe a knight vnto his socour went all arm'd in shining steele, and on his shield, he bare a yoake in sundrie peeces rent, and slames of sire all in a yellow sield:

o weaponed he was, as if hee ment
o make all that incountred him to yeeld:
sword and speare hee had, and to the same
mace, from whence he threw continuals slame,
hat ener burned and did never waste,
o other wagon needed one desire
o make good way which way socre he past,
and sure Rinaldoes danger did require,
uicke remedie, wherefore the knight did haste,
and when hee saw this monster and did yew her,

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With his stiffe speare forthwith hee ouerthrew her:
But this same fall did her no whit annoy,
Wherefore to vie his speare he now missiketh,
Onely hee willhis fierie face imploy,
And with that same the monster soulc hee striketh,
Then shee no longer could her force inioy.

S. I. H.

Of Dearth.

Dearth the linely forme of death Still yawning wide with lothsome stinking breath, VVich hollow eyes, with meger cheekes and chinne With sharpe leane bones, piercing her sable skinne Heremptie bowels may bee plainely spide, Cleane through the wrinckles of her withered hide Shee hath no bellie, but the bellies seate, Her knees and knuckles swelling very great, Instiate Orque, that even at one repasse, Almost all creatures in the world with waste, VVhose greedie gorge dish after dish doth draw, Scelces meate in meate, for still her monstrous mar Voydes in denouring, and sometimes she eates Her owne deere babes, for lacke of other meates, Na; more sometimes (Ostrangest gluttonie,) Shee eates her selfe, her selfe to satisfie, Lessning her selfe, her selfe so to inlarge, And cruell thus, shee doth our grandsire charge, And brings beside from Limbo to assist her, Rage, fecblenesse, and thirst her ruthlesse sister. I. Silnester.

Of Thirst.

Where shee was sostered on the burning land,
With hote intracted tongue, and sunken einc,
VVith stomacke worne, and wrinckled visage keene
VVith light and meagre, corse, and pailed vames,
In steede of bloud, that brimstone hot retaines,
Her poysoned mouth blew through that holy towne.
Such hellish aire, that stiffcled vp and down, Th. Had.

Old Woman.

Her eyes were sunk into her head, Her cheekswere leane and lanke,

Out stood her chin,

Into her mouth her bloudlesse lips they sanke,

Her toothlesse chappes

Disgraste her tongue intelling of atale,

And sucke she might

A teat for teeth and spoonage too did fails,

Her haire since sixtie yeeres

Vot blacke, was now, nor white, or none,

The substance of her wrinckled face

Vere onely skinne andbone,

dimme were her eyes,

Deafe were her eares, ranke smelt, if she could sent,

1 palsie made her feeling cease,.

owne tastlesse foode it went.

W. Wabner!

Of a Combate.

ometime they proffer, then they pause a while,
ometime strike out, like masters of the play,
Tow stand vpright, now stoope, another while,
ow open lie, now couer all they may.

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Now ward then with a slippe the blow beguilde, Now forward step, now backe a little way, Now round about, and where the tone giues place, There still the other presseth in his place.

S. I. H.

Of Albion.

Paire Albion glorie of the North,
Neptunes best darling held betweene his armes,
Divided from the world, as better worth,
Kept from himselfe, de fended from all harmes,
S. Daniell.

This royall throne of Kings, this secreted yle,
This earth of maiestie, this seate of Mars,
This other Eden, this demi-paradise,
This fortresse built by nature for her selfe,
Against intestion and the hand of warre,
This happie breede of man, this little world,
This precious stone sette in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a Moate desensive to a house,
Against the envie of lesse happier lands,
This nurse, this teeming wombe of royall Kings,
Fearde by their breede, and famous by their bytth,
Resowned in their deedes as farre from home,
For charitie, service, and true chivalrie,
As is the Sepulchre in stubburne lewrice.

M. Dr.

Of Ægipt.

The fairest flower that glories Affrica,
Whose beautie Phebus dare not dash with showres,
Ouer whose climate neuer hung a cloude,
But smiling Titan lights the Horizon.

R. Greene.

Hierusalem.

Hierusalem is seated on two hilles, Of height vnlike, and turned side to side, The space betweene a gentle vallie filles, From mount to mount exspansed faire and wide, Three sides are sure imbarde with crags and hilles, The rest is easie scant to rise espide, But mightie bulwarks sence that plainer part, So art helps nature, nature Arengthnethart. The towne is florde of troughs and cestornes made, To keepe fresh water, but the countrey seemes Denoyde of grasse, vnfit for plowmens trade, Not fertill, moyst, with rivers, welles, and streames, There grow sew trees, to make the summers shade, To shield the parched land from scorehing beames, Saue that a wood stands fixe miles from the towne, With aged Cedars, darke and shadowes browne; By east among the duskie vallies glide, The filuer streames of lordanes siler floud, By west the mid-land sea with bounders tyde, Ot sandie showres, where Joppa whilom stood, By North Samaria stands, and on that side, The golden Calfe was reard in Bethell wood, Bethen

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Bethlem by South, where Christ incarnate was, A pearle in steele, a diamond sette in brasse, Ed. Fairfax.

Of Deluge.

Heavens Cristail windowes with one hand God opes
Where on the world a thousand seas hee droppes,
With th'other hand hee gripes and wringeth forth,
The spungie globe of the execrable earth,
So straightly press that it doth strait restore,
All liquid flouds that it had drunke before,
In everie rocke new rivers doe beginne,
And to his aide the snowes came tumbling in.
The Pines and Cedars have but bowes to shew,
The shoares do shrinke, the swelling waters grow.

I. Squester.

Of a Courtier effeminate.

About his necke a carknet rich hee wate
Of precious stones all tette in gold well tried,
His armes that earst all warlike we apons hare,
lugolden bracelets wantonly were tied,
Into his earcs two rings convayed are,
Of golden wire, at which on either side,
I wo Indian pearles, in making, like two peares
Of passing price, were pendant at his cares,
His locks bedewd with waters of sweete sauour,
Stood curied round in order on his head,
He had such wanton womanish behaviour,
As though in Valence he had long beene bred,
So changd in speech, in manners, and in sauour,

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from himselfe beyond all reason ledde, these inchauntments of this amorous dame, e was himselfe in nothing but in name.

S, I, H. o li

Of Eden.

climate temperate both for cold and heate, nich daintie Flora paueth sumptuously, ith flowrie Vers inatueld tapistrie, mona prancks with fruits, whose taste excelles, d Zephir silles with muske and amber smelles, here God himselfe (as gardiner) treades the allies, ith trees and corne couers the hilles and vallies, mmons sweet sleep with noyse of hundred brooks, d sunne-proofe arbors makes in sundrie nookes, e plants, hee proines, he pares, he trimmeth round, e euer-greene bewties of a fruitfull ground: ere, there, the course of the holy lakes he leades, ith thousand dies he motleth all the meade.

I Saluelten

I. Syluester.

Of UVinds.

ou my haraulds, and my harbengers, in mble posts, and speedie messengers, armes, my sinewes, and my Eagles swift, at through the ayre my rowling chariot lift.

I. Syluester.

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Of a drunken man.

His head growes giddie, and his foote indents,
A mightie fume his troubled braine torments,
His idle prattle from their purpose quite,
Is abrupt, fluttering, all consuste, and light,
His wine stuff stomacke wrung with wind he seele
His trembling tential topsi-turule wheeles,
At last not able on his legges to stand,
More like a soule swine then a sober man,
Oppress with sleepe hee wallowes on the ground,
His shamelesse snorting trounkes o deepely drown
In selfe-obliuion, that he did not hide,
Those parts that Cæsar couered when hee died.

Idem.

A Palmer.

As fillie man in simple weede forworne,

And soyld with dust of the long dryed way,

His sandales were with toylsonic trauell torne,

And face all rand with scorching sunnie ray,

As hee had trauaild many a summers day,

Through boyling sands of Africa and Inde,

And in his hand a lacobs staffs to stay

His wearie simbs upon, and eke behind,

His scrip did hang, in which his needmets he did bin

Ed, Spencer.

Of Harpies.

Seven of them came tagether in a knot, With womens faces, wanne, with deadly cold,

o hunger-staru'd, as death it selfe might not be at first sight more hidious to behold: Their wings were great, but foule black wings god wot, They tallents sharp to gripe, and strong to hold,

rom whence there came a mighty odour strong.

S. I. Harr.

Of Cyprus.

large foule panch, a filthy tayle and long,

--- With filled sayles, in little while,
They came as farre as Cyprus, Venus Ile:
Icere euery place was full of odours sweet,
If gardens sayre, of spyce of pleasant tast,
The people sustfull, (for dame Venus meete)
rom tender yeeres to doating age doe last,
Vith wanton damsels walking in each street,
nuiting men to pleasure and repast.

S. I. Harr.

Of the Rainebow.

I femicircle of an hundred hewes;
which bright ascending toward th'ætheriall thrones,
I fath a line drawne betweene two Horizons
or iust Diameter: an euen bent bow
Contriu'd of three: whereof the one doth show
To be all painted of a golden hew;
The second greene, the third an orient blew:

[et so, that in this pure blew-golden greene,
till (ô pall-like) some changeable is seene;
I bow bright shining in th'archers hand,

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Whose subtile string seemes level with the land,
Halfe parting heaven, and over vs it bends,
vvithin two seas wetting his horned ends;
A temporall beautie of the lampfull skyes,
vvhere powerfull Nature shewes her fresh-red dies.
And if you onely blem and red perceaue,
The same as signes of sea and sire conceaue,
Of both the slowing and the slaming doome,
The indgement past, and indgement yet to come.

I. Silvester.

Of Paradice,

Soone after he a christall streame espying, From foote to head he washt himselfe therein, Then vp he gets him on his courser flying, And of the ayre he more and more doth win: Ascending heaven, all earthly thoughts defying. As fishes cut the liquid streame with fin, So cutteth he the ayre and doth not stop Till he was come vnto the mountaine top. This hill nie toucht the circle of the Moone, The top was all a fruitefull pleasant fielde, And light at night, as ours is heere at noone, The sweetest place that ever man beheld, (There would I dwell if God gaue me my boone) The soyle thereof most fragrant flowers doth yeeld, Like Rubies, gold, Saphire, pearles, Topaze stones, Chrisolites, Diamonds, Iacinths for the nonce. The trees that there did grow, were euer greene, The fruite that thereon grew were neuer fading, The fundry coloured birds did fit betweene (Sing OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 355
Singing most sweet) the fruitfull boughes the shading, liners more cleere then Christall to be seene, she fragrant smell, the sence and soule inuading; With ayre so temperate and so delightsome, as all the place beside was cleere and lightsome.

Of Diana, (range, 'he first with cloths tuckt vp as Nimphs in woods doe 'uckt vp eue to the knees, with bowes & arrowes prest ler right arme naked was, discouered was her brest:

ut heavy was her pace, & such a megre cheere,
s little hunting mind (God knows) did there appeares

·S. Phil. Sidney.

— Now great Phæbe in her tryumph came, Vith all the titles of her glorious name, iana, Delia, Luna, Cynthia, rago, Hecate, and Elythia, othyria, Diclinna, Proserpine, tona, and Lucina most divine.

M. Drayton.

Cynthia.

he siluer Moone, dread soueraigne of the deepe hat with the sloods fills up her horned head, ad by her waine, the waining ebs doth keepe.

Iar. Markham.

--- VVith a brase of siluer hindes, Iuorie Chariot swifter then the windes, great Hyperions horned daughter drawne, chauntresse like, deckt in disparent Lawne,

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Circled

Circled with charmes and incantations,
That ride huge spirits and ouragious passions;
Musicke and moode she loues, but loue she hates,
As curious Ladies doe their publique cates.

G. Chapman.

Natures bright eye-sight, and the nights faire soule,
That with thy triple forhead doost controule
Earth, seas, and hell, and art in dignitie.
The great'st and swiftest Planet in the skie.

Idem.

Venus.

Faire Venus in her Iuorie coach did hast,
And towards those pensiue Dames her course addres
Her Doues so plied theyr waving wings with slight,
That straight the sacred Goddesse came in sight.
Vpon her head she bare that gorgious crowne
vvherein the poore Amintas is a starre,
Her louely locks her bosome hanging downe,
Those nets that first insnard the God of warre:
Delicious-louely shine her louely eyes,
And on her cheekes Carnation clowdes arise.

D. Lodge.

Of Venus,

This goddesse had with art (more the our wome known As stuffe meant for the sale, set out to glaring show)

A wanton womans face, & with curld knots had twire the haire, which by the help of painters cunning shin S. Phil. Sidney.

Of Cupid.

Amongst this gamesome crue is seene, The issue of the Cyprian Queene, Whose head and shoulders fethered beene; And as the starres his countenaunce sheene. n his left hand his bow he bare, And by his fide his quiuer ware, n power he sits past all compare, and with his flames the world doth dare; I scepter in his hand he held, With Chloris natiue flowers vntild, And Nectars deathlesse odours stild rom his bright locks the Sun digild. The triple Graces there assist, ustaining with theyr brests commist and knees that Thetis bosome kist The challice of this Amorist.

G. Chapman. transl.

orne without sinne or couples of one kind, or Venus selfe doth solie couples seeme, oth male and female through commixture joynd, o pure and spotlesse (upid forth she brought, and in the gardens of Adonis nurst:

Where growing, he his owne perfection wrought, and shortly was of all the Gods the first.

Then got he bow and shafts of gold and lead, which so fell and puissant he grew, hat some himselfe his power began to dread, and taking up to heaven, him godded new.

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From thence he shoots his arrowes every where Into the vvorld at random as he will, On vs frayle men.

S. Daniell.

Venus.

--- Now in ire,

Shee mounts her chariot swifter then the winde Or subtill comprehension of the minde, which by two nimble Cock-sparrowes was drawne Caparisond but lightly with the lawne Tooke from the Flowre-deluces inner skin, Trapt and imbost with Marigolds: within Sits Venus naked, holding in her hand A tumbling shelfish with a Mirtle wand; Wearing a garland on her wimpled head, Compacted of the white Rose, and the red. None but the blinde boy Cupid durst approch For to be whurried with her in her Coach, The snow-white Graces running by theyr sides, Were through the heavens theyr wagoners & guides, Lashing the Sparrowes under quiuering wings, With whyps of twisted gold, and silver strings, A beauie of white Doues still fluttring ouer, From the sunnes fight such beautie seem'd to couer; And thus shee rode in tryumph in her throne, Whose radiant lustre like the simne-beames shone.

I. Weener.

Calme weather.

As then no winde at all there blew, No swelling clowde accloyd the ayre, The skye like grasse of watched hue Lested *Phabus* golden haire:

The garnisht trees no pendant stird, Nor voyce was heard of any bird.

Mat. Roydon.

The King of windes calls home his posts againe, and Amphitrite smooth's her watry plaine, the ayre his clowdes hath chang'd to christall cleere, and now the lamps of light from heauen appeare.

7. Syluester.

Of Tempests.

In Neptune war was made by Æolus and his traine, ho letting loofe the vyinds, tost & tormented the ayre, o that on every coast, men shipwracke did abide, or els were swallowed vp in open sea with waves, and such as came to shore, were beaten with dispayre.

Edm. Spen.

he vvinde discouered his deceite and treason, irst from the poope, it changed to the side, hen to the prore, at last it whirled round, ong in a place it neuer would abide, which doth the Pilots wit and skill confound; he surging waves swell still in higher pride, roteus white flocke, did more and more abound, and seem'd to them as many deaths to threaten,

THE CHOISEST FLOWERS As the shyps sides with divers waves are beaten, Now in theyr face the winde, straight on theyr back, And forward this, and backward that it blowes, Then on the fide it makes the shyp to crack, Among the Marriners confusion growes, The Maister doubts ruine and present wrack, For none his will, nor none his meaning knowes. To whistle, becken, cry, it nought auailes, Sometime to strike, sometime to turne theyr sailes, ·But none there was could heare, nor see, nor marke: Theyr eares so stopt, so dazeled were theyr eyes, with vveather so tempestuous, and so darke, And black thick clowdes, that with the storme did rife, From whence sometimes great ghastly flames did spark And thunder claps that seem'd to rent the skies; Which made them in a manner deafe and blind, That no man understoode the Maisters minde: Nor lesse, nor much lesse fearefull is the sound The cruell tempest in the tackle makes, Yet each one for himselfe some busines found, And so some speciall office him betakes: One this vnfide, another this fast bound, He the maine bowling now restraines, now slakes, Some take an oare, some at the pumpe take paine, And powre the sea, into the Sea againe. Behold a horrible and hideous blaft, That Boreas from his frozen lips doth send, Doth backward force the faile against the mast, And makes the waves vnto the skies ascend, Then brake theyr oares and rudder eke at last, Nothing was left from tempest to defend.

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So that the ship as swai'd now quite a-side,
Vnto the vvaues laid ope her naked side,
Then all a-side the staggering ship did recle,
For one side quite beneath the water lay,
And on the tother side the very keele,
Aboue the water plaine discerne you may;
Then thought they all hope past, & down they kneele,
And vnto God to take their soules they pray;
Worse danger grew then this, when this was past,
By meanes the ship gan after leake so fast,
The winde, the waues to them no respite gaue,
But ready every houre to over-throw them;
Oft they were hoist so high vpon the wave,
They thought the middle region was below them:
Oft-times so low the sand their vessell drave.

They thought the middle region was below them:

Oft-times so low the sand their vessell draue,

As though that Charen there his boat wold show them.

Scant had they time, or power to fetch their breath,

All things did threaten them so present death.

S. I. Harr.

An hoast of blacke and sable clouds

San to ecclipse Lucinaes silver face,

And with a hurling noyse from forth the South,

A gust of winde did raise the billowes vp,

Then scantled we our sailes with speedy hands,

And tooke our drablers from our bonners straine,

And senered our bonnets from our courses:

Our top sailes vp we trusse, our sprite sailes in,

Sut vainely strive they that resist the heavens,

or loe the waves incense then more and more,

Mounting with hideous rorings from the depth;

Our Barke is battered by encountring stormes,

And welnie steemd by breaking of the clouds:
The steeres-man pale, and carefull holds the helme,
Wherein the trust of life and safety lay,
Till all at once, a mortall tale to tell,
Our sailes were split by Bisas bitter blast;
Our middle broke, and we bereft of hope;
There might you see with pale and ghastly lookes,
The dead in thought, and dolefull Marchant lifts
Their eyes and hands vnto their Country Gods,
The goods we cast in bowels of the Sea,
A sacrifice to swage proud Neptunes ire.
D. Lodge.

Now Nerrus foames, and now the wrathfull wave,
Tost and turmoild by angry Neptunes slaves,
Doe mount and rowle, gainst Thetis heaven doth fight,
And she (inrag'd) vsurpt on R heas right,
An ayre, black, sable, sad, ore-spread the skies,
And reaves all light from wofull Saylers eyes:
Or if some beames breake through their pitchy night,
This naught, but lighning stashes full of fright.

I. Sylvester.

The Easterne winds drives on the roring traine
Of white blew billowes, and the clouds againe
With fresh seas crosse the seas, and she doth send
In counter-change a raine with salt yblend
The heavens, doe seeme in Thetis lap to fall,
The Sea-starre, skies, and God to arme this all:
Against one ship that skips from starres to ground,
From wave to wave (like windy ballances bound)
The whilst the Pylot on a foamy mount,
Thinks from the pole to see hells pit profound;

And

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. And then cast downe vnto the sandy shore, eemes from low hell to see the lofty pole, And feeling foes within and eke without, As many waves so many deaths doth doubt: The Sea sharp-surging round about the ship, Incaulks their keele, and doth her seames vnrip, Whereby the waters entring vncontrold, bbing abroad, yet flow a-pace in hold, or every tun the plied pump doth free, I flood breakes in, the amazed maister head his cunning conquered by the perils plans,)oubts what to fay, or where to turne his raines, Vhich wave to meete, or which falt surge to flie, o yeelds his charge in sea to live or die. trike saile the Maister cries, strike saile amaine, Vaile misine, and sprite saile, but the winds constraine Vith boistrous blasts that beate vpon his face, Iis sea-shapt speech to fly before their chace:)f men dismay'd, the sad confused cries, Vroath Neptunes noyse, and bellowing winds likewise;

'he day with cloud was suddaine ouer-cast, and angry foue an hideous storme of raine, did poure into his Lemmons lap so fast, hat euery wight to shroud it did constraine.

leauens thunder-claps, the tacklings whistling,

strange Minstrells) doe dire dreadfull descant sing.

Iosuah Syluester.

he ayre doth on the suddaine grow obscure, ightened sometimes with lightnings dreadfull light,

And

364 THE CHOYS, EST FLOWERS And saue their houre-glasse, kept the reckning sure, Twas hard for to discerne the day from night; The desperate Marriners doe all indure As men inured to the waters spight; The heavens aboue, the waves beneath vs roare, Yet are they not dismai'd one whit therefore; One with a whistle, hang'd about his necke, Shewes by the found which cord must be vndone, And straitethe ship-boy ready at a becke, Vnto the tops with nimble sleight doth runne: The other Mairiners vpon the decke; Or at the steere the comming vvaues doe shunne, And then by turnes they pump the water out, By paine and care preuenting euery doubt. S. I. Harrington,

The heavens on every side inclosed be, Black stormes and foggs are blowen vp from farre, That now the Pilot can no Load-starre see, But skies and Seas doe make most dreadfull warre: The billowes striuing to the heavens to reach, And th'heavens striving them for to impeach. R. Greene.

Of the Spring

The soote seasons that blood, & bloome foorth bring With greene hath clad the hill and eke the vale; The Nightingale with feathers new she sings, The Turtle to her mate hath told her tale: Sommer'is come, for every spray now springs; The Hart hath hung his old head on the pale: The Bucke in brake his Winter-coate he flings:

The Fishes fleete with new-repared scale: The Adder all her sloth away she flings:

The swift Swallow pursueth the flies small:

The busie Bee her honey now she mings:

Winter is worne that was the flowers bale.

E. of Surrey.

The Winters wrath begins to quell,
And pleasant Spring appeareth;
The grasse now gins to be refresht,
The Swallow peepes out of her nest,
And cloudy welkin cleareth.

E. Spenser.

Flora now calleth for each flower, And bid's make ready Maias bower,

That new is vp rise from bed.

Idem.

The earth late choakt with showres, ls now arai'd in greene,
Her bosome springs with flowers.

The ayre dissolues her teene;

The vvoods are deckt with leaves,

And trees are cloathed gay,

And Flora crown'd with sheaues,

With oaken boughs doth play,

The birds vpon the trees

Doe sing with pleasant voyces, And chaunt in their degrees,

Their loues and luckie choyces.

D. Lodge.

The tenth of March when Aries receau'd, Dan-Phæbus rayes into his horned head.

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In flowry season of the yeare,
And when the firmament was cleare,
When Tellus her balls painted were,
With issue of disparent cheere;
When the Vsher to the morne did rise,
Sleepe gaue their vituals liberties
To Thillis and to Floraes eyes.

G. Chapman.

The ayre was calme, the day was cleare,
Loues wanton winds with wooing breathe,
Gan greete the sweetest of the yeare,
The flower forgot his Winters death;
The earth reuiued by the sunne,
To iet in gay attire begunne.
The leafe allied vnto the tree,
By helpe of spring in coate of greene,
Stole forth my wandring eye to see,
The beauties of the Sommers Queene.

D. Lodge.

The Winter with his grisly stormes no longer dare abide,
The pleasant grasse with lusty greene the earth hath newly died,
The trees hath leaves, the boughs do spred, new changed is the year.
The water brooks are clean sunk down, the plesant boughs appeare.
The Spring is come, the goodly Nimphs now dance in every place.
Thus hath the yeare most pleasantly of lately chang'd her face.

E. of Surrey.

Now each creature ioyes the other,
Passing happy dayes and howers,
One bird reports vnto an other,
In the fall of silver showers:

Vyhilst the earth our common mother, I Hath her bosome deckt with slowers. Whilst the nearest torch of heauen, with bright rayes warmes Floraes lap, Making nights and dayes both euen. Chearing plants with freshnes sap.

S. Daniell.

Of VVinter.

The wrathfull Winter proching on a pace, with blustring blasts had all ybard the treene, And old Saturnus with his frosty face, with chilling cold had pearst the tender greene; The mantles rent wherein inwrapped beene; The gladsome Groues that now lay ouer-throwne, The Tapers torne, and cuery tree downe blowne; The soyle that erst so seemely was to seeme, vas all dispoiled of her beauties hewe, And stole fresh flowers (wher-with the somers Queene Had clad the earth) now Boreas blast downe blew, and small fowles flocking in their songs did rew The vvinters wrath, where-with each thing defast, n wofull wise bewayl'd the Sommer past: Tawthorne had lost his motly liuerie: The naked twigs were shinering all for cold, and dropping downe the teares aboundantlie; lach thing (me thought) with weeping eye me told, he ruell season, bidding me with-hold ly selfe within, for I was gotten out nto the fields, whereas I walkt about.

M. Sackuille.

THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS

--- When ye count ye free from feare,

Comes the breame Winter with chamfered browes,

Full of wrinkles and frosty furrowes,

Shooting his grisly dart,

Which cruddles the blood and pricks the hart.

Ed. Spenser.

Ianuarie.

And Phabus weary of his yearely taske,
Yshackled hath his steeds in lowly lay,
And taken vp his Inne in fishes haske.

Idem.

Autumnus.

The wearied nights approached on a pace,
With darksome shades which somwhat breedeth care,
The sunne hath take more neere the earth his race.
In Libra then his greatest sway he bare,
For pardy then the dayes more colder are,
Then fades the greene fruite, lively hearbs are done,
And Winter gins to wast that Sommer wone.

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Sommer. Iulie.

Now the sunne hath reared vp
his silver footed teame,
Making his wayte betweene the cup
and golden Diademe.
The rampant Lyon hunts he fast,
with doggs of noysome breath,

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'OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 369 VVhole balefull barking brings in hast, pine, plague, and drery death.

Edm. Spencer.

August.

That time of yeere when the inamoured sunne, Clad in the richest roabes of living fires, Courted the Virgin signe, great Natures Nunne, which barraines earth, of all that earth desires:

Euen in the month that from Augustus wone His sacred name, which vnto heaven aspires, And on the last of his tentrebled dayes

W. Shakespeare.

It was the month in which the righteous mayde,
That for disdaine of sinfull worlds vpbraid,
Hed backe to heaven where she was first conceived into her silver bower the sunne received,
And the hote Syrian dog on him awayting
After the chased Lyons cruell bayting,
Corrupted had the ayre with noysome breath,
And powrd on earth, plague, pestilence & dearth,
Rob. Greene.

Now was the month that old Sextilis name
Changd by the Romaine Senates fage degree,
And glorying so to innouate the same,
To have himselfe new christned did agree,
Proude that Augustus God-father should be,
whilst Ceres clad him in a mantle fayre
Of bearded Corne, still quavering with the ayre.

Char. Fitz leffrey.

Bb.

Iuly

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VVhat time sleepes Nurse the silent night begun
To steale by minutes on the long-liu'd dayes,
The furious dog-starre chasing of the sunne,
Whose scorching breath adds stames vnto his raies,
At whose approch the angry Lyon braies,
The earth now warm'd in her celestials fire,
To coole her heate, puts off her rich attire.

M. Dragton.

Of Morpheus.

Vitnes of life to them that living die,
A prophet oft, and oft an historie;
A Poet eke, as humors flie or creepe.
S. Phil. Sid.

Hee making speedy way through persed ayre,
And through the world of waters wide and deepe,
To Morpheus house doth hastily repaire,
Amid the bowels of the earth full steepe,
And lowe where dawning day doth neuer peepe
His dwelling is; there Thetis her wet bed
Doth euer wash, and Cynthia still doth steepe
In siluer dew her euer-dropping head,
vvhile sad night ouer him her mantle black doth sprea

Edm. Spencer.

VVhose double gates he findeth locked fast, The one faire fram'd of burnish'd Iuorie, The other, all with filuer ouer-cast, And wakefull dogs before them faire doe lie.

Watchir

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 371 atching to banish Care, theyr enemie, no oft is wont to trouble gentle Sleepe.

Of Neptune.

A came great Neptune with his three-forkt mace, at rules the seas, and makes them rise or fall; dewey locks did drop with brine a pace der his diademe imperiall, d by his side his Queene with Coronall, re Amphitrite, most diuinely fayre, ose Iuory shoulders were couered all with a robe, with her owne filuer hayre, d deckt with pearles, which the Indian seas for her Edm. Spencer.

Of Proteus.

eus is shepheard of the Seas of yore, I hath the charge of Neptunes mightie heard aged Sire, with head all frothy hoare, Ifprinckled frost vpon his dewie beard. Idem

Of Thetis.

is the Mother of the pleasant springs, idome of all the Rivers in the world, vhome earths vaines a moystning tribute brings; e with a mad disturbed passion hurl'd ut her Caue (the worlds great treasure) flings, with wreath'd armes, & long wet haire viicurl'd, Bb 23

Within herselfe laments à losse vnlost,

And mones her wrongs, before her ioyes be crost.

I. Markham.

Of Phabus,

The golden of spring of Latona pure, And ornament of great Ioues progenie, Phæbus.

— Dayes King, God of vndaunted verse.

G. Chapman.

Of Neptune,

O Neptune, never like thy selfe in shew,
Inconstant, variable, mutable,
How doost thou Proteus like thy forme renewe,
O whereto is thy change impurable?
Or whereunto art thou bent sutable?
Rightly the Moone predominateth thee,
For thou art all as changeable as shee.

Ch. Fuz Ieffray.

Of Apollo.

Sacred Apollo, God of Archerie,
Of Arts, of pleasure, and of Poetrie,
Ioues faire haird sonne, whose yellow tresses shine,
Like curled slames; hurling a most divine
And dazeling splendour, in those lesser fires
Which from thy guilt beames (when thy Car retires,)
Kindle those Tapers that lend eyes to night,
O thou that art the Land-lord of all light,
Birdegroome of morning, dayes eternall King,

owhom nine Muses (in a sacred ring) daunces sphericall trip hand in hand, Thilst thy seauen-stringed Lute theyr feete comaund, hose motion such proportioned measure beares, hat to the musicke dar nee nine headenly spheares. reat Delian Priest, we to adore thy name, aue burnt fat thighes of Bulls in hallowed flame, hose sauour wrapt in smoake and clowdes of fire othy starre-spangled Pallace did aspire. Tho. Dekkar.

Of Rome.

thou worlds Queene, ô towne that didst extend ly conquering armes beyond the Ocean, nd throngdit thy conquests from the Libian shore, wne to the Scythian swift-foote fearelesse porters, ou art debald, and at this instant yeelds y proude necke to a miserable yoke.

Tho. Kyd.

. Of Heate.

Then Phabus rose he lest his golden weede, nd dond attire in deepest pulple dyed, sanguine beames about his forhead spred, sad presage of ill that should betide, h vermile drops at cuen his tresses bleed shewes of future heate from th'Ocean wide. jilst thus he bent gainst earth his scorching raies, burnt the flowers, and burnt his Clitia deare, : leaues grew wan vpon the withered spraies, grasse and growing hearbes all parched were,

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Earth

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Of Thirst.

And sought out every sincke, their thirst t'asswage:

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And dranke with lothsome draught the pooles in he
To quench theyr thirst with ill-contented tast,

which poysoned agre infect theyr purest breath,

whereby the drinker dranke his present death:

O wretched folke, who felt so hard a strife,

Drinke or not drinke, both waies must lose theyr life

For he that dranke, and he that did refraine, Had of theyr enemies both an equall paine: For why? the water vile slew them throughout No lesse, then did theyr enemies them about. That wretched towne had neuer a street nor vew But Parcas there had fram'd some fashions new To murder men, or martyr them with feares, As mou'd the most indurate hart to teares, fso much water in theyr braines had beene As might forbeare a drop to wet theyr eyne. One while he spake his hart (for thirst) did faint: And life him left, which frustrate his complaint. The fouldiour braue, (oh hart-breake for to tell) Tis proper vrine dranke, thirst to expell: The woful mother with her spettle fed Her little child halfe dead in cradle-bed: he Lady with her Lord at poynt of death, imbracing falls, and yeelds theyr latest breath. Thom. Hudson.

Of an Assault.

--- They no lesse prouided are within Vith rampires, bulwarks, and with doubled dikes: Ind where theyr foes to clime doe once begin, hey push the down with bills, with staues, with pikes. one be kild, another steppeth in, lo man his place for feare of hurt missikes, (water, ome throw downe blocks, some stones, some scalding freeuing them much with all, most with the latter, ome throw among them newly slaked Lime,

That

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That burneth most, when most it seemes to quench, with pots of Brimstone, Pitch and Turpentime,

Annoying them with heate, with smoake, & stench.

The rest are still imployed, and loose no time with wreathed stakes to fortiste the Trench:

Thus all within are busie, all without,

Fortune on both sides standing still in doubt.

S. I. Harr.

Of an Hoast.

Their hoast with arrowes, pykes, and standards stood

Is bristle-poynted as a thornie wood,

Theyr multitude of men the rivers died,

which through the wealthy Iuda swift did slide,

So that flood Iordan finding dry his banke,

For shame he blusht, and downe his head he shrank,

For woe that he his credite could not keepe,

To pay one wave for tribute to the deepe.

Tho. Hudson.

Of a Skirmish,

Then grew the fight on both sides sirme and stable,
Both sides desend, both sides alike inuade;
They cast on both sides dartes innumerable
Making therewith a darke vnpleasing shade,
An endlesse worke it were to write the rable
The Christians kild with bow, with bill, with blade.
Sometime the sway goeth hether, somtime thether,
Like waters driven with doubtfull tydes and wether:
V Vhen one is slaine, his roome another fills,
V Vhen one is hurt, another takes his place,

An

And he that now an other smites and kills, falls dead him selfe within a little space,

Freat heapes of bodies dead make little hills: The earth it selfe lookes with a bloody face;

he greene where-with it erst was stored,

urneth to languine and vermillion red.

S. I. Harrington.

Of Discontent.

disquiet thoughts the minutes of her watch, orth from her Caue the fiend full oft doth flie, o Kings she goes, and troubles them with warres, etting those high aspiring bonds on fire; hat flame from earth vnto the seate of lone: o such as Midas, men that dote on wealth, nd rent the bowels of the middle earth or coine; who gape as did faire Danae or showres of gold there discontent in blacke, hrowes forth the violls of her restlesse cares, o such as sit at Paphos for releefe: nd offer Venus many solemne vowes, o such as Hymen in his saffron robe, ath knit a gordian knot of passions, o these, to all, parting the gloomy ayre, acke discontent doth make her bad repaire.

bleure and darke is all the gloomy aire, he curtaine of the night is ouer-spread; he silent mistresse of the lowry spheare, it on her sable coloured vale and lower, or starre, nor milk-white circle of the skie,

Appeares where Discontent doth hold her lodge, She sits shrin'd in a canapy of clouds, vhose massie darknes mazeth enery sence, vvan is her lookes, her cheekes of azure hue, Her haire as Gorgons soule retorting snakes; Enuie the glasse, wherein the hag doth gaze, Restlesse the clocke that chimes her fast a sleepe.

Of Adams feare after his Transgression. At this sad summons, wofull man resembles, A bearded rush that in a river trembles, His rosse cheekes are chang'd to earthen hue, His dying body drops an icie dewe; His teare-drown'd-eyes a night of clouds bedims, About his eares a burning horror swims, His fainting knees with feeblenes are humble, His faultring feete doe slide away and stumble; He hath not now his free, bold, stately port, But downward lookes in fearefull slauish sort; Now naught of Adam doth in Adam rest, He feeles his sences pain'd, his soule opprest, A confus'd hoast of violent passions iarre, His flesh and spirit are in continuall warre. And now no more through conscience of his error: He heares or fees, th'almighty but with terror, And loth he aunsweres (as with tongue distraught) Confessing (thus) his feare, but not his fault. I Syluester.

Of the Vacation.

Without long rowles of papers in their hands,
When friendly neighbour with his neighbour meetes,
Without falle challenge to each others lands,
The Counsellour without his Clyent stands:
When that large Capitall lies void and wast
Where Senatours and Judges late were plast.
Th. Storer.

Ceremonie.

All sodainly a light of twenty hewes Brake through the roofe, and like rainebow viewes Amaz'd Leander; in whole beames came downe The Goddesse Ceremonie, with a crowne Of all the starres, and heaven with her descended Her flaming haire to her bright feete extended, By which, hung all the bench of deities;, And in a chaine compact of eares and eyes, she led Religion; all her body was Cleare and transparent as the purest glasse, for she was all presented to the sence, Deuotion, order, state, and reuerence Her shadowes were, society, memorie; All which her sight made liue, her absence die, A rich disparent pinnacle she weares, Drawne full of circles and strange characters: Her face was changeable to euery eye, Dne way lookt ill, an other graciouslie, Which while men view'd they cheerefull were & holy, But

380 THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS But looking of, vicious and melanchollie; The snakie paths to each obserued law, Did pollicie in her broade bosome draw, One hand a mathematique christall swayes, Which gathering in one line a thousand rayes; From her bright eyes confusion burnes to death, And all estates of men distinguisheth, By it mortality and comlinesse, Them selues in all their sightly figures dresse. Her other hand a Laurell rod applies, To beate back barbarisme and Auarice: That followed eating earth and excrement, And humaine limbs, and would make proud ascent, To seates of Gods were Ceremonie slaine, The houres and graces bore her glorious traine, And all the sweets of our societie, Were spheard and treasur'd in her bounteous eyes. G. Chapman.

Of Louers.

VVho with a mayden voyce, and mincing pace,
Quaint lookes, curl'd locks, perfumes, and painted face
Base coward hart, and wanton soft aray,
Their manhood onely by their beard bewray,
Are cleanly call'd, who likeliest greedy Goates
Brothell from bed to bed; whose Syren notes
Inchaunt chast Susans, and like hungry Kite
Fly at all game, they Louers are behight.

I. Sylnester.

Who beare vpon their French-sick-backs about, Farmes, Castels, fees in golden shields cut out,

Wholi

Whose hand had at one Primerorest:
One pompous Turney, or on pampering seast.
Spends themselues, scrapt by the vsurie and care
Of miser parents, liberall counted are.

Idem.

Who by false bargaines and vnlawfull measures, Robbing the world, haue heaped kingly treasures: Who cheat the simple, lend for fifty, fifty Hundred, for hundred are esteemed thristy.

Idem.

Renowne.

A trump more shrill then Tritons on the Sea,
The said Renowne precursour of the traine,
Did sound (for who rings louder then Renowne:)
Ie mounted was vpon asslying horse,
And cloath'd in Faulcons feathers to the ground,
by his Escochion iustly might you gesse,
Ie was the Herauld of Eternity,
And Purseuant at Armes to mighte Ione.

G. Peele.

Of Doubt.

--- Doubt had a double face,
h'one forward looking, the other backward bent,
herein resembling lanus auncient,
hich hath in charge the in-gate of the yeare,
nd euermore his eyes about him went,
s if some prooued perill he did feare,
r did misdoubt some ill whose cause did not appeare.

Ed. Spenser.

Of

Of a Gunne.

Vulcan begot me, Minerua me taught,
Nature my mother, Craft nourisht me yeare by yeare,
Three bodies are my foode, my strength is naught,
Anger, Wrath, Wast, and Noise my children deere,
Gesse friend what I am, and how I am wrought:
Monster of sea, or land, or of else-where
Knowe and vse me, and I may thee defend,
And I be thy enemy I may thy life end.
S. Th. W.

Of an Hargabush,

A trunke of iron hollow made within,
And there he puts powder and pellets in,
All closed saue a little hole behind,
Whereat no sooner taken is the flame,
The bullet flies with such a furious wind,
As though from clouds a bolt of thunder came:
And what-so-euer in the way it finde,
It burnes it, breakes it, teares it, spoiles the same;
No doubt some fiend of hell or deuillish wight
Deuised it, to doe mankind a spight.
S. I. Harrington,

Of an Horse.

Round hoof'd short ioynted, fetlocks shag and long, Broad breast, sull eye, small head, and nosthrils wide, High crest, short eares, straite leggs, and passing strong Thin maine, thick taile, broad buttock, tender hide; I.ookt OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 383 Looke what an horse should have he did not lacke, Saue a proud rider on so proud a backe.

W. Shakespeare. mong a hundred braue, light, lufty horses, With curious eye marking their comly forces) e chooseth one for his industrious proofe, 1th round, high, hollow, smooth, browne, ielly hoofe, ith pasternes short, vpright, but yet in meane, ry sinewie shanks, strong fleshlesse knees and leane, ith hart-like leggs, broad breast, and large behinde, ith body large, smooth flanks, and double chinde: crested necke bowed like a halfe bent bowe, hereon a long thin curled maine doth flowe; firme full taile touching the lowly ground, ith dock betweene two faire fat buttocks drownd; pricked eare, that rests as little space shis light foote; a leane bare bony face, hin iowle, and head but of a middling fize Il liuely flaming quickly rowling eyes, reat foaming mouth, hote fuming nosthrill wide, chest-nut haire, his forehead starrissed; ree milky feete, a feather on his brest, nom seauen yeares old at the next grasse he gest.

I. Syluester.

Of a starued man.

s sad dull eyes deepe sunke in hollow pits, uld not endure the vnwonted sunne to view, s bare thin cheekes for want of belly-bits, d empty sides deceaued of their due, uld make a stony hart his hap to rue; His raw bone armes whose mighty brawnie bowres,
Were wont to rive steele plates and helmets hewe,
Were cleane consum'd, and all his vitall parts
Decai'd, & all his stesh shrunk vp like withered flowers,

Ed. Spenser.

Of the confusion of languages. This said, as soone confusedly did bound, Through all the work, I wote not what strange sound, A langling noyle, not much vnlike the rumors Of Bacchus Swaines, amid their drunken humors: Some speake betweene the teeth, some in the nose: Some in the throate their words doe ill dispose: Somehowle and cry, and some stut and straine, Each hath his gibberish, and all striue in vaine. To finde againe their knowne beloued tong, That with their milk they fuckt in cradle yong: Arise betimes while th'opal-coloured morne, In golden pompe dooth May dayes doore adorne; And patient, heare th'all differing voyces sweet Of painted fingers, that in Groues doe greete: There loue Bon-iours each in his phrase and fashion, From trembling pearch, vttering his earnest passion, And so thou mayest conceite what mingle mangle Among this people euery where did iangle. Bring me (quoth one) a trowell, quickly, quicke, One brings him vp a hammer; hew this bricke Another bids, and then they cleaue a tree: Make fast this rope, and then they let it flee, One calls for planks, another morter lacks: They beare the first a stone, the last an axe,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 385
Ine would have spikes, and him a spade they gave, another askes a sawe, and gets a sive;
Thus crossly cross, they prate and poynt in vaine, that one hath made, another marris againe, ligh breathlesse all, with they confused yawling a bootelesse labour, now begins appawling.

Of Posteritie.

aughter of Time, sincere Posteritie, wayes new borne, yet no man knowes thy birth, te arbitresse of pure Sinceritie, t, changeable, (like Protess) on the earth, metime in plenty, sometime ioynd with dearth. Alwayes to come, yet alwayes present heere, Whom all runne after, none come after neeres partiall sudge of all saue present state, uth's Idioma of the things are past, still pursuing present things with hate, ad more iniurious at the first then last, seruing others, while thine owne do wast. Frue treasurer of all antiquitie, Whom all desire, yet neuer one could see. Char. Fitz seffrey.

Discriptions of Beautie er personages hat tongue can her perfections tell hose each part all pennes may dwell? hayre fine threds of finest gold rled knots, mens thoughts to hold; hat her forehead saies, in mee.

THE CHOISEST FLOWERS 386 A whiter beautie you may see. vvhiter indeed: more white then snow vvhich on cold winters face doth grow: That doth present those euch browes, vvhose equallinestheir angles bowess Like to the Moone, when after change Her horned headabroade doth range; And arches be to heavenly lids, vyhose wincke each bold attempt forbids. For the black starres those spheres containe The marchlesse paire euen praise doith staine. No lampe whose light by art is got, who was the No sunne which shines and setteth not, Can liken them without all peere, anno of 20 124 1.1. Saue one as much as other cleere. Because themselves they cannot see. Her cheekes which kindly claret spred, Or like the fresh Queene apples side,
Blushing at sight of Phoebius pride.

Her nose her chin, pure Juory weares No purer then the prety eares: So that therein appeares some blood Like wine and milke that mingled stood: In whose incircles if yee gaze Your eyes may tread à Louers maze: But with fuch turnes the voyce to stray; No talke vntaught can finde the way, The lippe is iewell of the eare.

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 387 But who those ruddy lips can misse? vhich blessed still themselves doe kisse, Rubies, cherries, and roses new, n worth, in tast, in perfect hew: which neuer part but that they show Wight Sitter)fprecious pearles the double row: man where the second The second sweetly fenced ward, Ier heauenly dewed tongue to gard, vhence neuer word in vaine did flow: aire under these doth stately grow he handle of this precious work; he necke in which strange graces lurke. ich be I thinke the sumptuous Towres hich skill doth make in Princes bowres: little downeyard to espie he lively clusters of her brests, which is the lively clusters of her brests of f Venus babe the wanton nefts. ke pommels rounde of marble cleere, here azurde vaines well mixt appeares
ith dearest tops of Porphirie twixt these two away doe lie: vay more worthy beauties fame, en that which beares the milkie name, is leades vnto the joyous field ich onely still doth Lillies yeeld, Lillies such whose native smell e Indian odours doth excell: It it is calld, for it doth wast ns liues vntill it be imbrast.

ere may one see, and yet not see

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388 THE CHOISEST FLOWERS Her ribs in white all armed be, More white then Neptunes foamy face vvhen strugling, rocks he would imbrace. In those delights the wandring thought Might of each side astray be brought, But that her nauell doth vnite In curious circle, busie sight: A daintie seale of Virgine waxe, where nothing but impression lacks. Her belly there glad fight doth fill, Iustly intituled Cupids hill: Ahill most fit for such a maister, A spotlesse Mine of Alablaster. Like Alablaster favre and sleeke, But soft and subtile, Satten like: In that sweete sea the boy doth sport, Loth I must-leaue his cheefe resort, For such a vse the world hath gotten, The best things still must be forgotten. Yet neuer shall my song omit Her thighes, for Ouids song more fit, Which flanked with two sugred flancks Lift vp theyr stately swelling banks, That Albion cliffes in whitenes passe, vvith hanches sinooth as looking-glasse. But bow all knees, now of her knees. how is the My tongue doth tell what fancie sees, The knots of ioy, the iems of loue, Whose motion makes all graces moue: vvhose bought incau'd doth yeeld such fight, Like cunning painter shadowing white.

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. The gartring place with child-like figne Shewes easie print in mettall fine: But then againe the flesh doth rise n her braue calues, like christall skies, vhose Atlas is a smallest small, More white then whitest bone of all. Thereout steales out that round cleane foote, This noble Cedars precious roote, n shew and sent, pale Violets, Vhose steppe on earth all beauty sets. lut backe vnto her backe my Muse, vhere Ledas swan his feathers mewes, Llong whose ridge such bones are met ike Comfets round in Marchpane set. fer shoulders be like two white Doues 'earching in square royall rooues, Vhich leaded are with filuer skin assing the hate-spot Ermelin. And thence those armes derived are, he Phenixe wings are not fo rare or faultlesse length and stainelesse hue; h woe is mee, my woes renew. low course doth leade me to her hand, If my first love the fatall band, there whitenes doth for euer sit, ature her selfe inameld it: or there, with strange compact doth lie larme snow, moist pearle, soft Iuorie. here fall those Saphire coloured brookes, Thich conduit like with curious crookes veete Ilands make in that sweet land.

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As for he fingers of the hand, The bloody shafts of Cupids war, with Amathists they headed are. Thus hath each part his beauties part. But now the Graces doe impart To all her limms a specialligrace, Becomming euery time and place. vvhich doth euen beauty beautifie, And most bewitch the wretched eye. Now all this is but a faire Inne, Of fayrest guests which dwell therein: Of whose high praise, and praisefull blisse, Goodnes the pen, heaven paper is, The Incke immortall fame doth lend. As I began, so must I end: No tongue can her perfections tell, In whose each part all pens may dwell. S. Phil. Sidney.

Her face so faire, as slesh it seemed not.
But heavenly pourtrait of bright Angels hue,
Cleere as the skie, withouten blame or blot,
Through goodly mixture of complexions due,
And in her cheekes the vermell red did show,
Like roses in a bed of Lillies shed,
The which Ambrosiall odours from her threw,
And gazers sence with double pleasure fed,
Able to heale the sick, and to revie the dead.
In her faire eyes two living lamps did slame,
Kindled above, at th'heavenly Makers light,
And darted siery beames about the same
So passing persant, and so wondrous bright,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. That quite bereau'd the rash beholders sight. In them the blinded God his lustfull fire To kindle oft assaide but had no might, For with dread maiestie and awfulire shee broke his wanton shafts & quencht his base desire. Her Iuory forhead, ful of bounty braue Like a broade table did it selfe dispréad, For loue his loftie tryumphs to ingraue, And write the battailes of his great god-head, All good and honour might therein be read, or there their dwelling was. And when the spake, weet words like dropping honney she did shed, And twixt the pearles and Rnbies softly broke I siluer sound that heavenly musick seemd to make. /pon her eye-lids many graces fate Inder the shadow of her even browes, Vorking belgards and amorous retrate, Ind euery one her with a grace endowes, and euery one with meekenes to her bowes: o glorious mirror of celestiall grace, Ind soueraigne monument of mortal vowes, 'ow shal fraile pen describe her heauenly face, or feare through want of skil her beauty to disgrace? o faire, and thousand thousand times more faire iee seem'd, when she presented was to sight, nd was yelad for heate of scorching ayre ll in a silken Camous, lilly white, urfled vpon with many a folded plight: Thich al aboue besprinckled was throughout ith golden aygulets that glistered bright ke twinckling starres: and al the skyrt about

THE CHOISEST FLOWERS vvas hemd about with golden frindge. Below her hamme her weede did somewhat traine, And her straite leggs most brauely were embaild In gilden Buskins of costly Cordwaine, All bard with golden bends which were entaild with curious antiques, and full fayre aumaild. Before they fastned were vnder her knee In a rich lewell, and therein intrailde The ends of all theyr knots, that none might fee How they within theyr foldings close enwrapped bee: Like two fayre Marble pillers they were scene, which doe the temple of the Gods support, whom all the people deck with garlands greene: Those same with stately grace and princely port Shee taught to tread when she herselfe would grace. But with the wooddy Nimphs when she did play, Or when the flying Libbard she did chace, Shee could then nimbly mooue, and after flie a pace. V Vithin her hand a sharp Bore-speare she held, And at her back a bow and quiuer gay, Shaft with steele-headed darts, wherewith she queld The fauage beafts in her victorious play: Knit with a golden bauldrick, which forlay Athwart the snowy breast, and did deuide Her dainty paps, which like young fruite in May Now little gan to swell; and beeing tyde, Through her thin weede theyr places signified. Her yellow locks crisped, like golden wyre, About her shoulders weren loosely shed, And when the winde amongst them did inspyre, They waved like a Penon wide despred,

And low behinde her backe were scattered:

And whether art it were, or heedelesse hap,

As through the flowring forrest rash she sled,

In her rude haires sweete flowers did wrap

Such as Diana by the sandy shore

Of swift Eurotas, or on Cynthus greene;

where all the Nimphs haue her vnwares forlore,

Wandreth alone, with bowes and arrowes keene

To seeke her game: or as that samous Queene

Of Amazons, whom Pyrhus did destroy

The day that first of Priam shee was seene,

Did shew herselse in great tryumphant ioy,

To succour the weake state of sad-afflicted Troy.

Edm. Spencer.

Her yellow locks exceede the beaten gold,
Her sparkling eyes in heauen a place deserue,
Her sorhead high and faire, of comely mold:
her words are musicall, of siluer sound,
her wit so sharp, as like can scarce be found.
Each eye-brow hangs like Iris in the skyes,
Her Eagles nose is straite, of stately frame,
On eyther cheeke a Rose and Lilly lyes,
Her breath is sweet persume, or holy slame:

her lips more red then any Corrall stone, her necke more white then aged Swans that mone.

Her breast transparent is, like christall rock,
Her fingers long, fit for Apollos Lute,
Her slipper such as Momus dare not mock,
Her vertues are so great, as make me mute.

vvhat other parts she hath, I neede not say, vvhose fairest face alone is my decay.

Tho. Watson.

Like

394 THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS Like to the cleere in highest spheare vvhere al imperious glory shines, Ofselfe same colour is her hayre whether vnfolded or in twines: Her eyes are Saphyres set in snow, Refyning heauen by cuery winke, The Gods doe feare when as they glow, And I doe tremble when I thinke. Her cheekes are like the blushing clowde That beautifies Auroras face, Or like the siluer crimson shrowde That Phæbus smiling locks doe grace: Her lips are like two budded Roses Whom ranks of Lillies neighbour nie, vvhich with bounds she still incloses, Apt to intice a deitie. Her necke is like a stately towre, vvhere Loue himselse in pleasure lies, To watch for glaunces euery howre From her diuine and sacred eyes. Her paps are centers of delight, Her paps are rocks of heauenly flame, vvhere Nature moulds the dew of light To feede perfection with the same: With orient pearle, with Rubie red, vvith Marble white, with azure blew, Her body euery way is fed, Yet soft in touch, and sweet in view: Nature herselfe her shape admires, The Gods are wounded in her fight, And Loue forfakes his heauenly fires,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. And at her eyes his brands doth light. . D. Lodge. She lay and seemd a flood of Diamant, Bounded in flesh; as stil as Wespers haire When not an Aspen leafe is stird with ayre: She lay at length, like an immortal soule At endlesse rest in blest Elizium, And then did true felicitie inroule So faire a Lady, figure of her kingdom. Now as she lay attirde in nakednes His eye did carue him on that feast of feasts, Sweet fieldes of life which deaths foote dare not presse, Flowrd with th'vnbroken waues of my loues breafts, See where with bent of gold curld into knots. In her heads groue the spring-bird Lameat nests, Her body doth present those fields of peace vvhere soules are feasted with the soule of ease. To proue which Paradice that nurseth these, See see the golden rivers that renowne it, Rich Gyhon, Tigris, Phison, Euphrates, Two from her bright Pelopian shoulders crowne it, And two out of her snowy hills doe glide, That with a deluge of delight doe drowne it: These highest two their precious streames devide To tenne pure floods that do the body dutie, Bounding themselues in length, but not in beauty. These wind theyr courses through the paynted bowers, And raise such sounds in theyr inflection As ceaselesse start from earth fresh sorts of flowers,

As ceaselesse start from earth fresh sorts of flowers, And bound that booke of life with enery section. In these the Muses dare not swim for drowning,

Theyr

THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS 396 Theyr sweetnes poysons with such sweet infection, And leaves the onely lookers on them swouning, These formes and colour makes them so to thine, That Gods for them, would cease to be divine, G. Chapman. Her Lilly hand her rosse cheekes lie vnder, Coosning the pillow of a lawfull kisse, Who therefore angry, seemes to part in sunder, Swelling on eyther side to want his blisse, Betweene whose hills her head entombed is; Where, like a vertuous monument she lyes, To be admirde of lewd vnhallowed eyes. VVithout the bed her other fayre hand was On the greene Couerlet, whose perfect white Shewd like an Aprill daisse on the grasse, with pearlie sweat, resembling dewe of night; Her eyes like Marigolds had Theath'd theyr light: And canopied in darknes, sweetly lay, Till they might open to adorne the day. Her haire like golden threds, playd with her breath, (O modest wantons, wanton modestie) Shewing lifes tryumph in the Map of death, And deaths dim lookes in lifes mortalitie: Each in her sleepe themselues so beautifie As if betweene them twaine there were no strife, But that life liu'd in death, and death in life. Her breasts like Iuory globes circled with blew, A payre of mayden worlds vnconquered, Saue of theyr Lord, no bearing yoke they knew, And him by oath they truly honoured: These worlds in Tarquin new ambition bred:

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vvho like a foule vsurper went about

From this faire throne to heave the owner out.

W. Shakespeare.

Starres fall to fetch fresh light from her rich eyes, Her bright brow drives the sunne to clowdes beneath, Her haires reflexe, with red strakes paint the skies, Sweet morne and evening dew falls from her breath. T. Nash.

Fayrer then Isaacks louer at the vvell, Volume 1999 Brighter then inside barke of new hewen Cedar, Sweeter then flames of fire-perfumed Mirrhe, And comlier then the filuer clowdes that daunce On Zephyrus wings before the King of heauen.

G. Peele.

G. Peele.

Her lookes were like beames of the morning funne Forth-looking through the windowes of the East, When first the fleecie cattell haue begunne Vpon the pearled grasse to make they rfeast:

Her thoughts are like the fume of Francensence,

Which from a golden Censor forth did rise:

And throwing forth sweet odours, mounts from thence In rolling globes up to the vaulted skies:

There she beholds with hie aspyring thought,

The cradle of her owne creation:

Among the seates of Angels, heavenly wrought, Much like an Angell in all forme and fashion.

from the street in S. Daniell.

Her locks are pleighted like the fleece of wooll That Iason with his Grecian mates atchiu'd, As pure as gold, yet not from gold deriu'd, As full of sweets, as sweet of sweetes is full:

398 THE CHOYSEST FLOWER'S Her browes are prety tables of conceate, Where Loue his records of delight doth quote, On them her dallying locks doe daily floate, As loue ful oft doth feede vpon the baite. Her eyes, faire eyes, like to the purest lights That animate the sunne, or cheere the day, In whom the shining sun-beames brightly play vvhilst fancie doth on them deuine delights. Her cheekes like ripened Lillies sleept in wine, Or fayre Pomegranate kirnels washt in milke, Or snow-white threds in nets of Crimson silke, Or gorgeous clowdes vpon the sunnes decline. Her lips like Roses ouer-washt with dew; Or like the Purple of Narcissus flowre, No frost theyr faire, no wind doth wrest theyr powre, But by her breath they'r beauties do renew. Her christal chinsike to the purest mould Enchast with dainties, Daisies soft and white, Where Fairies faire pauilion once is pight; Whereas embrasd his beauties he doth hold. Her neckelike to an luory shining towre, Where through with azure vaines sweet Nectarrunnes, Or like the downe of swanns, Or like delight that doth it selfe deuoure. Her paps are like fayre apples in the prime; As round as orient pearles, as soft as downe, They neuer vaile theyr faire through winters frowne, But from these sweets Loue suckt his sommer time: Her bodies beauties best esteemed bowre, Delicious, comely, dainty, without staine, (paine. The thought whereof (not toucht) hath wrought my Whole

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 399 Whose face so faire all beauties doth distaine, Her maiden wombe the dwelling house of pleasure, Not like, for why no like surpasseth wonder: O blest is he may bring such beauties vnder, Or search by suite the secrets of that treasure. R. Greene. Like to Diana in her sommer weede Girt with a Crimson robe of brightest die goes fayre Samela, As fayre Aurora in her morning gray, Deckt with the ruddy lustre of her loue hands is fayre Samela, ike louely Thetis on a calmed day, When as her brightnes Neptunes faucie moues, Shines faire Samela. der tresses gold, her eyes like glassie streames, out it Ter teeth are pearle, the breasts are Iuory of faire Samela. Her checkes like rosse-lillies yeeld forth gleames, in the der browes bright arches, framde of Ebonie, which thus faire Samela. asseth faire Venus in her brauest hue, with the souls and Inno in the shew of maiestie, for she is Sameta. Pallas in wit, all three if you will view, which is the or beauty wit, and matchlesse dignities und ve yeeldes faire Samela. D. Lodge. heir soft young cheeke-balls to the eye, re of the fresh vermilion die, Lillies out of Scarlet pecre, So

400 THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS So Roses bloomd in Lady Vere:

So shot two wanton starres yfere, In the eternall burning Sphere.

G. Chapman.

Her eyes like Gemini attend on Ione, Her stately front was figured from aboue: Her dainty nose of Iuory faire and sheene, Bepurfurate with ruddy Roses beene. Her cherry lips doth daunt the morning dew, From whence a breath so pleasant doth ensue As that which layd fayre Psyches in the vale, Whom Cupid woed, and woed to his auaile: Within the compasse of which hollows sweet, Those orient rancks of filuer perles do meet, Prefixing like prefixion to the eye, As silver clowd amidst the sommers skie, From whence such words in wisedome couched be As Gods from thence fetch theyr Phylosophie. Her dimpled chin of Alablaster white, Her stately necke, where nature did acquite Her selfe so well, as that at suddaine sight Shee wisht the worke were spent upon herselfe, Her cunning thus was showed vpon the shelfe; For in this hand was fancie painted faire, In eyther hand an azure hand she bare. By one, repeating many a sweete consent, By thother, comfort to the hart she sent : From which a seemely passage there doth flow To strangers pleasures that are placst below; Like to the furrow Phaeton did leaue Amidst the Welkin, when he did receaue

OF OVER ENGLISH POETS. His Fathers charge, and let the world on fire. In this fayre path oft paced sweet desire, At euery turne beholding with delight That marble mount that did affect the light. Of Virgine waxe the sweet impression was, The cunning compasse thereof did surpasse, For arre concluding all perfections there, Writ this report, all graces dwelleth heere. Which Cupid spying built his mansion so, As scorning those sweet graces to bestow On mortall man, with bow ybent doth waite Least Ione should steale impressions by deceit, and wondring at the crisped Comet faire, n thought-concludes it meeter for the ayre Then mortall mould: next with the stately thighes, ike two fayre compast marble pillars rise, Vhose white doth staine the dainty driven snow; lext which the knees with lustie bent below. lonioynd with nerues and cordes of Amber sweet, hese stately piles with gladsome honour greet: uch stately knees as when they bend alite, Il knees doe bend and bow with strange delight. ler calues with stranger compasse doe succeede, which the azure streames a wonder breede, oth arte and nature therein laboured have ò paint perfection in her colours braue. ext which, the prety ground-worke of the pyle oth show it selfe, and wonder doth beguile; he joynts whereof combinde of Amber sweet, 7ith Corrall cords yeeld bent to seemely feete, om which who lift to lift his gazing eye, Dd.

402 THE CHOISEST FLOWERS Shall greater cause of wonder soone espy: When on the backe he bendshis wauering looke In which the worke and taske Diana tooke when with Arachne for the prize she straue, Both arte and nature there excellence haue; Where from Pigmalions image seemelie white, vvhose elose conueyance passing Gordians plight, vvhere louely Nectar, drinke for all the Gods, vvhere euery Grace is stained there by ods, vvill not content which gazing looke for more, And spy those armes that stand his sight before vvhich for their mould th' Egyptian wonders passe, Which for their beauty staine the christall glasse, vvhich in theyr bosonie couer natures sweet, vvhere blushing streames present a secret meet, vvill now amazde, conclude at last of this, That in the hands all grace concluded is: vvhere nature limits euer fatall time, vvhere fortune figures pleasure in her prime, vvhence spread those fingers typt with Juory, vvhose touch Medusas turne may well supply: vvhere to conclude, now all the shepheards deeme All grace, all beauty, all perfections seeme. D. Lodge.

Yet neuer eye to Cupids service vowde
Beheld a face of such a louely pride:
A Tynsill vale her golden locks did shrowde,
That strong to couer what it could not hide:
The golden sunne behind a silver clowde,
So streameth out his beames on every side,
The marble goddesse set Cnidos naked

Shee seemd; were she vncloth'd, or that awaked. The gamesome winde among her tresses plaies, And curleth vp those growing riches short, Ter sparefull eye to spread his beames denaies, But keepes his shot where Cupid keepes his fort. F.G.

hee was a woman in her freshest age)f wondrous beauty, and of bounty rare, vith goodly grace and comly personage hat was on earth not easie to compare, ull of great loue, but Cupids wanton snare Is hell she hated: chast in word and will, ler necke and breasts were euer open bare, hat aye thereof her babes might suck theyr fill, he rest was all in yellow robes araied still.

Edm. Spencer. . Shape whose like in waxe was hard to frame, r to expresse by skill of Painters rare; er hayre was long and yellow to the same, s might with wyer of beaten gold compare: er louely cheekes with shew of modest shame, ith Roses and with Lillyes painted are. er forhead faire, and full of seemely cheere, s smooth as pollisht Luory doth appeare: nder two arches of most curious fashion and two black eyes, that like two cleere funs shind, eddy in looke, but apt to take compassion, nid which lights the naked boy and blind

auing a sweet and curelesse wound behind, om whence the nose in such good sort descended,

Ddo.

steth his darts that cause so many a passion,

THE CHOISEST FLOWERS As enuy knowes not how it may be mended. Vnder the which, in due and comly space Standeth the mouth, stainde with vermilion hew, Two rowes of pearles ferue in theyr place, Hence come the courteous words and full of grace That wiollifie hard harts and make them new: From hence proceed those smilings sweet and nice, That seeme to, make an earthly Paradice. Her brests as milke, her necke as white as snow, Round was her necke, most plum and large her breast, Two luory apples seemed there to grow; Tender and sinooth, and fittest to be prest, Wauing like feas when wind most calme doth blow. Argos himselfe might not discerne the rest, Yet by presumption well it might be gest That that which was concealed was the best. Her armes due measure of proportion bare, Her fayre white hand was to be viewed plaine, The fingers long, the ioynts so curious are As neyther knot appeard nor swelling vaine, And full to perfect all those features rare, The foote that to be seene doth sole remaine, Slender and thort, little it was and round; A finer foote might no where well be found. S. I. Harr.

Apollo when my mistres first was borne

Cut off his locks, and lest them on her head,

And sayd, I plant these wyres in natures scorpe,

Whose lustre shall appeare when time is dead:

From forth the christall heauen when she was made,

The puritie thereof did taint her brow,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. On which the glistering that sought the shade Gan set, and there his glories doth avow. Those eyes, fayre eyes, too faire to be describ'd, Were those that erst the Chaos did reforme, To whom the heavens they beauties have afcribd, That fashion life in man, in beast, in worme, the same When first her fayre delicious cheekes were wrought, Aurora brought her blush, the Moone her-white, Both so combinde as passed natures thought, ' " Compild those prety orbes of sweet delight: When loue and nature once were proud with play, from forth theyr lips, her lips their colour drew, In them doth fancie sleepe, and euery day Doth swallow joy such sweet delights to view. While one while Venus sonne did seeke a bowre To sport with Psyches his desired deere, le chose her chin, and from that happy stowre le neuer stints in glory to appeare. Desires and loyes that long had serued loue, esought a hold where prety eyes might wooe them, oue made her neck, and for her bell behoue lath shut them there where no man can vindoe them. Ince Venus dreamd upon two prety things, ler thoughts, they were affections cheefest nests, ne suckt and sigh'd, and bath'd her in the springs, nd when she wake, they were my mistres breasts. nce Capidsought a hold to couch his kisles, 'nd found the body of my best belou'd, Therein he cloyd the beauty of his bliffes, Ind from that bower can never be remou'd. he Graces erst when Acidahan springs Dd 3

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vvere wexen dry, perhaps did finde her fountaine
Within the bale of blisse, where Cupids wings
Doe shield the Nectar fleeting from the fountaine.

R. Greene.

Her curious locks of gold like Tagus sands,

Her forhead smooth and white as Juory,

vyhere glory, state, and bashfulnes held hands:

Her eyes, one making peace, the other wars,

By Venus one, the other ruld by Mars.

Her Eagles nose, her scarlet cheeke halfe white,

Her teeth of orient pearle, her gracious smile,

Her dimpled chin, her breast as cleere as light,

Her hand like hers whom Titan did beguile.

Tho. Watson. 10 miles

STUTIES TO SELECT THE SELECTION OF THE S Queene Vertues caue which some call Stellas face Repaired by natures cheefest furniture, Hath his forfront of Alablaster pure, Gold is the couering of that stately place: The doore by which sometimes runnes forth her grace Red Porphirie which lock of pearle makes sure, Whose porches rich which name of cheekes endure, Marble-mixt red and white doe interlace. The windowes now through which this heavenly gu Lookes on the world, and can finde nothing fuch vvhich dare claime from those sights the name of bel Of touch they are that without touch do touch; which Capids selfe from beauties mine did draw, Of touch they are, and poore I, am they fraw. S. Phil. Sidney

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OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 407 Two sunnes at once from one faire heaven there shind, Ten branches from two boughes tipt all with roses, Pure locks, more golden then is gold refinde, Two pearled rowes that natures pride inc'oles; Two mounts faire marble, white downe, loft & dainty, Full wofull makes my hart, and body fainty. piemes D. Ledge; ad no voil. O shee doth teach the torches to burne bright, It seemes she hangs upon the cheeke of night, with the As a rich Iewell in an Ethiops eare, Beauty too rich for vie, for earth too deare: So showes a snowy Doue trooping with crowes, Asyonder Lady ore her fellowes showes. W. Shakespeare. To make the wondrous power of heaven appeare In nothing more then her perfections found, Close to her nauill she her mantle wrests, Slacking it vpwards, and the folds vnwound, Showing Latonas twins, her plenteous brests: The Sunne and (inthia in their tryumph robes Of Lady skin more rich then both theyr globes. G. Chapman. Vpon a bed of Rosesshe was layd, As faint through heate, or dight to pleasant sin, And was araide, or rather disaraid All in a vaile of silke and siluer thin,

And was araide, or rather disaraid
All in a vaile of silke and silver thin,
That hid no whit her Alablaster skin,
But rather showd more white, if more might be;
More subtile web Arachne cannot spin,
Nor the fine nets which oft we woven see
Of scorched dew, do not in th'ayre more lightly file.

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Her snowy breast was bare to ready spoyle
Of hungry eyes, which not therewith be fild,
And yet through languor of her late sweet toyle,
Few drops more cleere then Nectar forth distill,
That like pure orient pearles adowne it thrild,
Fraile harts yet quenched not, like starry light,
which sparkling on the silent waves, doe seeme more

Her Juory necke, her Alablaster breast,

Her paps, which like white silken pillowes were,

For loue in soft delight thereon to rest:

Her tender sides, her belly white and cleere,

Which like art Altar did it selfe voreare,

To offer sacrifice decine thereon:

Her goodly thighes, whose glory did appeare

Like a triumphall arch, and thereupon

The spoiles of Princes hangd, which were in battaile

[Wone Idems.]

Doe lighten forth sweet loues alluring fire,

And in her tresses she doth fold the lookes

Of such as gaze vpon her golden hayre.

Her bashfull white, mixt with the mornings red,

Luna doth boast vpon her louely cheekes

Her front is Beauties table, where she paints

The glories of her gorgeous excellence:

Her teeth are shelues of precious Margarite,

Richly inclosed with ruddy Currall cleeves.

R. Greene.

My mistres is a paragon, the fayrest fayre aline, Alcides and Acides for fairelesse faire did strine,

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. Her colour fresh as damaske rose, her breath as violet; Her body white as Isiory, as smooth as pollisht let, As soft as down, were she downe, louc might com down & A lone se fresh, fo sweet, so white, so smooth, so soft as this. W. Warner.

Then cast she off her roabe and stoode vpright, As lightning breakes out of the labouring clowde, Or as the morning heaven casts off her night, Or as that heatien cast off it selfe, and showde Teauens vpper light; to which the brightest day s but a black and melancholy shrowde: Dr as when Venus striu'd for soueraigne sway If choisefull beauty in young Troyes desire, o stoode Corinna varnishing her tyre.

G. Chapman. lerewith she rose, like the Autumnall starre resh burnisht in the lofty Ocean flood, hat darts his glorious influence more farre Then any lampe of bright Olympus broode: hee lifts her lightning armes about her head and stretcheth a Meridian, from her blood hat flept awakt in her Elizian bed: hen knit shee vp, least loofd, her glowing haire hould scorch the centre, and incense the ayre.

Idem..

weete mouth that sendst a muskie-rosied breath ountaine of Nectar and delightfull balme, yes clowdy-cleere, smile-frowning, stormie-calme, Vhose encry glaunce darts me a lyuing death: rowes, bending quaintly, your round Eben arkes, mile, that then Venus sooner Mars besets,

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Locks more then golden, curld in curious knots, where in close ambush wanton Capidlurkes, Grace Angel-like, faire forhead, smooth and hie, Pure white that dimit the Lillies of the vale, Vermilion rose that mak'st Aurora pale.

I. Siluester.

Such colour had her face as when the sunne
Shines in a watry clowde in pleasant spring;
And even as when the Sommer is begunne
The Nightingales in boughes doe sit and sing,
So the blind God, whose force canno man shunne
Sits in her eyes, and thence his darts doth sling;
Bathing his wings in her bright christal streames,
And sunning them in her rare beauties beames.
In these he heads his golden-headed dart,
In those he cooleth it, and tempereth so,
He levels thence at good Obertos hart,
And to the head he drawes it in his bow.

S. I. Harr.

As well might moue a man the fame to note:

Her hayre, her cheekes, her eyes, most amorous are,

Her nose, her mouth, her shoulders, and her throat,

As for her other parts that then were bare,

Which she was wont to couer with her coate,

Were made in such a mould as might have moved

The chast Hippolitus her to have loved:

A man would thinke them framd by Phidias arts,

Theyr colour and proportion good was such:

And vnto them her shamefastnes imparts

A greater grace to that before was much.

I cease to praise those other secret parts, Nothing so fit to talke of as to touch: In generall, all was as white as milk, As smooth as Iuory, and as soft as filke. Had thee in vally of Idea beene when Pastor Paris hap did so befall To be a Judge three goddesses betweene, She should have got, and they forgone the ball: Had she but once of him beene naked seene, For Helena he had not card at all, Nor broke the bonds of facred hospitalitie, That bred his country wars and great mortalitie. Had she but then been in Crotona towne, When Zeuxis for the Goddesse Iunos sake To paint a picture of most rare renowne Did many of the fayrest damsels make To stand before him bare from foote to crowne, A patterne of theyr perfect parts to take, No doubt he would have all the rest refused, And her alone in sted of all have chused.

S. I. Harr.

Faire is my loue for Aprill in her face,
Her louely breasts September claimes his part,
And lordly July in her eyes hath place,
But cold December dwelleth in her hart,
Blest be the months that sets my hart on fire,
Accurst that month that hindreth my desire.
Like Phebrus fire, so sparkles both her eyes,
As ayre perfum'd with Amber is her breath,
Like swelling waves her louely teates doe rise,
As earth her hart cold, dateth me to death.

THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS 412 In pompe sits mercy seated in her face, Loue twixt her breasts his trophies doth imprint, Her eyes shines fauour, curtesie, and grace, But touch her hart, oh that is made of flint.

R. Greene.

Her havre not trust, but scattered on her brow, Surpassing Hyblaes honney for the view, ச்பட்ட வரும் இ

Or softened golden wyers.

Within these snares sirst was my hart intrapped, Till through those golden shrouds mine eye did see An Ivory shadowed front, wherein was wrapped Those prety bowers where graces couched be:

Next which, her cheekes appeard like Crimson silke

Or ruddy rose bespred in whitest milke.

Twixt which, the nose in louely tenor bends !

Two traces prety for a louers view:

Next which her lips like violets commends By true proportion that which doth enfue;

Which when they smile, present vnto the eyes

The Oceans pride, and Iuory paradize.

Her pollisht necke of milke, where snows doe shine As when the Moone in winter night beholds them, Her breast of Alablaster cleere and fine,

whereon two rising apples fayre viifold them,

Like Cynthias face when in her full she shineth, And blushing, to her loue-mates bower declineth. From whence in length her armes doe sweetly spread, Like two rare branchie Saples in the spring,

Yeelding fine louely sprigsfrom enery head, Proportioned alike in every thing;

Which

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. which featly sprout in length like spring borne friends vvhose prety tops, with fine sweet roses ends But why alas should I that marble hide That doth adorne that one and other flanck, From whence a mount of quickned snow doth glide, Or else the vaile that bounds this milk-white banke, vvhere Venus and her sisters hide the fount, vvhose louely Nectar doth all sweetes surmount. D. Lodge. Whilst thus she meant vnseene away to slide, Her pearles and iewels caus de her to be spide, The muske and ciuet amber as she past, Long after her a sweet persume did cast: A Carbuncle on her christall brow she pight, whose fierie gleames expeld the shady night: Vpon her head a filuer crispe she pind, we said the wi Loose waving on her shoulders with the wind. Gold band her golden hayre, her Iuory neck, The Rubies rich, and Saphires blew did deck, And at her eare, a pearle of greater valew There hung, then that the Egyptian Queene did swal-And through her coller showd her snowy brest, (low Her vimost robe was colour blew celest, which is the Benetted all with twist of perfect gold, Beseeming well her comly corps t'enfold. What els she ware, might wel be seene vpon house. That Queene who built the lowers of Babylons Her wauering hayre disparpling flew apart, but of the In seemely shed, the rest with recklesseart, was his him with many a curling ring decord her face, And gaue her ghastly browes a greater grace. of deli Two

THE CHOTSESIT FLOWERS Two bending bowes of Eben coupled right, Two lucent starres that were of heauenly light, Two ietty sparks where Cupid chastly hides.... His subtile shafts that from his quiuer glides: Tweene those two sunnes and front of equal size, A comly figure formally did rife, vvhich draught vnleuell to her lip descend, vvhere Momus selfe could nothing discommend. Her pittid cheekes appeard to bee depaint with mixed role and lillies, sweet and saint: Her dulcet mouth with precious breathirepleat, Exceld the Saben Queene in sauour sweet: Her corrall lips discouered as it were the remaining Two ranks of orient pearles with imyling cheere: Her Iuory necke, and breast of Alablaster, Made heathen men of her more Idolastre. Vpon her hand no wrinckled knot was seene, But as each nayle of Mother of pearle had beene: In short, this Iudub was so passing faire, in a since Asif the learned Zeuxis had beene there And seene this dame when he with penfill drew The Croton dames, to forme the picture true Of her for whom both Greece and Asia fought, This onely patterne chiefe he would have fought. The. Hudson. Milwa grand de Her words were like a streame of honny fleeting, in M.

Her words were like a streame of honny fleeting, and The which doth softly trickle from the hine, and Able to melt the hearers hart vnweeting; and the And eke to make the dead agains to line; and the fleet deedes were like great clusters of ripe grapes. Which loade the bunches of the fruitfull Vine, Offering

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. Offering to fall into each mouth that gapes, while it is And fill the same with store of timely wine. Her breast two hills ore-spread with purest snow, and it Sweet, smooth, and supple, soft and gently swelling, Betweene them lyes a milkie dale below, (ling, vvhere loue, youth, gladnes, whitenes make their dwel-Her enuious vesture greedy sight expelling: So was the wanton clad, as if thus much Should please the eye, the rest inseene they touch : As when the sunne-beames dine through Tagus wave To spy the store-house of his springing gold, Loue perling thought so through her mantle draue; And in their gentle bosome wandred bold: lt viewd the wondrous beautie Virgins haue, And all to finde desire (with vantage) bold. Alas what hope is left to quench this fire, That kindled is by fight, blowne by defire. D. Lodge.

Payrer then was the Nymph of Mercurie, Who when bright Phabus mounteth vp his coach, Ind tracks Aurora in her silver steps, And sprinckling from the folding of her lap, White Lillies, Roses, and sweet Violets. R. Greene.

Jumily in the state of -- Her Angels face As the great eye of heaven shined bright, And made a funshine in the shady place, a manage of Did neuer mortail eye behold such heauenly grace. Edm. Spencer.

THE CHOTSEST FLOWERS Not that night-wandring pale and watry flarre, (vvhen yawning dragons draw her thirsting carre From Latmus mount vp to the gloomie skie, vvhere crownd with blazing light and maiestic She proudly sits) more ouer-rules, the flood, Then she the harts of those that neere her stood. Ch. Marlow.

--- O Daphne is more fayre.

Then Angels swimming in the fluxiuy ce ayre. Could Loues rich bed-chamber her two bright eyes, Lodge but two guests at once, Beautie and Mercy? Beauty lyes alwayes there, did Mercy too Phebus were then Daphne should be the state with the Transformd into a stately dignitie .. The Dekkar ... The best will be

Her stature comly tall, her gate well graced, and her wit, To maruaile at, not medle with, as matchlesse I omit:

A globe-like head, a gold-like haire, a forhead smooth & hie

An euen nose, on eyther side stoode out a grayish eye,

I wo rosie cheeks, round ruddy lips, white just set teeth within A mouth in mean, & underdeath, a round & dimpled chin: Her snowish neck with blewish vaines stood bolt upright upo

Her portly shoulders, beating balls her vained brests anon

Ad more to beauty: wand-like was her middle, falling still,

And rising whereas women rise, imagine nothing ill, (wrise And more, her long & limber arms had white and azurd

And slender fingers answer to her smooth & lilly fists,

A leg in print, a priety foote, coniecture of the rest, For amorous eyes observing forme, think parts obscured bef a time for the first of the state of the sta

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See where the issues in her beauties pompe,
As Flora to salute the morning sunne:

vvho when she shakes her tresses in the ayre,
Raines on the earth dissoluted pearle in showres,

vvhich with his beames the sunne exhales to heauen:
She holdes the spring and sommer in her armes,
And euery plant puts on his freshest robes

To daunce attendance on her princely steps,

Springing and sading as she comes and goes.

G. Chapman.

Her hayre was loose, & bout her shoulders hung, Vpon her browes did Venus naked lye, And in her eyes did all the Graces swim. Her cheekes that showd the temper of the mind, Were beauties mornings where she euer rose, Her lyps were loues rich altars where she makes Her hart a neuer-ceasing sacrifice:

Her teeth stoode like a ranke of Dians may des when naked in a secrete bower they bathe; Her long round necke was Cupids quiuer calld, And her sweet words that slew from her, his shafts, her soft round brests were his sole trauaild Alpes, where snow that thawed with sunne did euer lye, ser singers bounds to her rich deitie.

Idem.

In Paradise of late a Dame begun
To peepe out of her bed with such a grace,
As matcht the rising of the morning sunne,
with drops of honney falling from her face,
Brighter then Phabus fierie-pointed beames,
Or ycie crust of christall frozen streames.

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THE CHOISEST FLOWERS 418 Her hayre like Amber twisted vp in gold, Passing the pride or riches of the East, With curious knots were into trainmels rould, As snary nettings for a wanding guest; The feathers deckt her with a quaint disdaine Like Iunos byrd in pompe of spotted traine. Jones Her shining forhead doth suppresse the starres, New lightning sparkles from her louely cheekes, Her percing sight the stroake of beauties warres, at a Wherewith the conquest of the world she seekes: Braue be the darts that from her eyes she throwes, When Cupid lurkes betweene her louely browes, Arabian odours breathe out of her talke, Which she betweene the pearle and Ruby breaketh, So smooth a compasse hath her tongue to walke, As makes both heauen & earth blush whe she speaketl No finging bird in all the ayre but doates, And lay they reares attentine to her notes. Her necke, her shoulders, and her breasts were bare, Diana-like aboue the water smiling: No fnow, Juory, or Alablaster there, No statue of white Marble, me beguiling, But the sweet season of the yeere I found When Lillies peepe out of the grassie ground. Her other parts vnto my view denide, Much like the lampe that burnt at Psyches bed, ... Made such a fire into my hart to glide.

That loue awaked, and my body bled: O had she not so great a force to please, Desire had slept, and I had liu'd at ease. S. G.

Aftron

Astronomers the heavens doe devide Into eyght houses, where the Gods remaine, All which in thy perfections doe abide, for in thy feete the Queene of silence raignes, About thy wast Iones messenger doth dwell, nchaunting me, as I thereat admire, and on thy duggs the Queene of love doth tell Ier godheads power in scroules of my desire: Thy beautic is the worlds eternall sunne, 'hy fauours force a cowards hart to darres, and in thy hayres, love and his riches wonne, hy frownes hold Saturne, thine eyes the fixed starres.

that length of verse braue Mopsius good to show? (know. bose vertues strange, & beauties such, as no man may them bus shrewdly burdned the bow can my Muse escape? (Shape be gods must help, & precious things must serve to show her ke great god Saturne faire, & like faire Venus chaft, s smooth as Pan, as Iuno mild, like goddesse Iris gracst, inh Cupid she foresees, and goes Gods Vulcans pace, ed for a tast of all these gifts, she steales god Monius grace er forhead Iacinth like, her cheekes of opall hue, (blew, er twinckling eyes bedeckt with pearle, her lyps as Saphires r haire like crapal stone, her mouth ô heauenly mide, r skin like burnisht gold, her hands like siluer-ore untride: s for her parts unknowne, which hidden sure are best, ppy be they which wil beleeve, and never seeke the rest. S. Phil. Sidney.

words which fall like Sommer dew on me, breath more sweet then is the growing beane, ongue in which all honnied licours be,

O voyce that doth the Thrush in shrilnes staine,
Gay haire, more gay then straw when haruest lies,
Lips red and plum, as cherries ruddy side,
Eyes fayre and great, like fayre great Oxes eyes,
O breasts in which two white sheepe swell in pride.
But thou white skin, as white as curds well prest,
So smooth as Sleeke-stone like, it smooths each part,
And thou deere slesh, as soft as wooll new drest,
And yet as hard as Brawne made hard by art.
S. Phil. Sidney.

Poeticall comparisons.

Beautie.

As that fayere starre the messenger of morne
His dewy face out of the sea doth reare,
Or as the Ciprian Goddesse newly borne
Of the Oceans fruitfull froth did first appeare,
Such seemed they, and so they ryellow haire,
Christalline humour dropped downe apace.

Edm. Spencer.

As when faire Cinthia in a darksome night
Is in a noyous clowde enuoloped,
vwhere she may finde the substance thin and light,
Breakes forth her siluer beames, and her bright head
Discouers to the world discomsited:
Of the poore trauailer that went astray,
vvith thousand blessings she is hurried,

Such was the beauty and the shining ray
With which fayre Britomart gaue light vnto the day

Idem.

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Looke how the crowne which Ariadne wore Vpon her Iuory forhead that same day That Thefeus her vnto his bridall bore, when the bold Centaures made that bloody fray with the fierce Lapiths that did them difmay, Beeing now placed in the firmament, Through the bright heauen doth her beames display, And is vnto the starres an ornament vvhich round about her moue in order excellent, Such was the beauty of this goodly band. Idem.

Euen as a stage set forth with pompe and pride, Where men doe cunning and theyr arte bestow, When curtaines be remoou'd that all did hide, Maketh by light of torch a gliffering show: Ir as the sunne that in a clowde did bide, vhen that is gone, doth cleerer seeme to grow? o Bradamant when as her head was barest, Ier colour and her beautie seemed rarest.

S. I. Harr. transl.

is when fayre Ver dight in her flowrie raile, her new coloured liverie decks the earth, 'nd glorious Titan spreds his sun-shine vaile o bring to passe her tender infants birth: Such was her beauty which I then posses, With whose imbracings all my youth was blest.

M. Drayton, ooke how a Comet at the first appearing rawes all mens eyes with wonder to behold it, r as the saddest tale at suddaine hearing, akes silent listning vnto him that told it,

E e 3.

So did the blazing of my blush appeare,
To maze the world, that holds such sights so deere.

S. Daniell.

Euen as when gaudie Nimphs pursue the chace, vvretched Ixions shaggy-footed race
Incenst with sauage heate gallop a maine
From steeppine-bearing mountaines to the plaine,
So ran the people forth to gaze vpon her,
And all that viewd her, were inamourd on her.

C. Marlow.

Like as an horse when he is barded haile,
And seathered pannache set vpon his head,
Will make him seeme more braue for to assaile
The enemie, he that the troope dois lead,
And pannach on his helme will set indeid:
Euen so had nature to decore her face,
Giuen her one top for to augment her grace.

Rex. Sco.

Like as a Taper burning in the darke,

(As if it threatned enery watchfull eye

That burning viewes it) makes that eye his marke,

And hurles guild darts at it continually:

Or as it enuyed any eye but it

Should see in darknes: so my mistres beautie,
From forth her secret stand my hart doth hit,
And like the dart of Cephalus doth kill

Her perfect louer, though she meane no ill.

G. Chapman.

Now as when headen is musted with the vapours,
His long since iust dinorced wife the earth
In enuy breaths, to maske his spurry tapers

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From the vnrich aboundance of her birth,
When straight the Westerne issue of the ayre
Beats with his floury wings those brats of dearth,
And gives Olympus leave to show his fayre,
So fled the offended shadowes of her cheere,
And shewd her pleasant countenaunce ful as cleere.

Dalliance.

Euen as an emptie Eagle sharpe by fast,
Tires with her beake on feather, slesh and bone,
Shaking her wings, deuouring all in hast,
Till eyther gorge be stuft, or pray be gone,
Euen so she kist his brow, his cheeke, his chin,
And where she ends, she doth anew begin.

W. Shakespeare.

— Looke how close the Iny doth embrace
The tree or branch about the which it growes,
So close the louers couched in that place,
Each drawing in the breath the other blowes:
But how great ioyes they found that little space,
Well we may gesse, but none for certaine knowes,
Such was they sport, so well they leere they couth,
That oft they had two tongues within one mouth.

S. I. Harr.

Vhen as the Oake his rootlesse body warmes, the straightest saplings strictly doe combine, lipping the wood with his lasciulous armes:

Such our imbraces when our sport begins, Lapt in our armes like Ledaes louely twins.

OM. Drayton.

Euen

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Euen as faire Castor when a calme begins,
Beholding then his starry-tressed brother,
With mirth and glee these swan-begotten twins,
Presaging ioy the one imbrace the other:

Thus one the other in our armes we fold,

Our breasts for ioy our harts could scarcely hold.

Idem.

— As when lone at once from East to West
Cast off two Eagles to discerne the sight
Of this worlds centre, both his birds iound brest
In Cynthian Delphos, since Earths nauill height:
So casting off my ceaselesse thoughts to see
My harts true centre, all doe meete in thee.

G. Chapman.

Like as a well-tunde Lute that's tucht with skill
In musicks language sweetly speaking plaine,
When every string it selfe with sound doth fill,
Taking theyr times, and giving them againe,

A diapazon heard in euery straine; So theyr affections set in keyes so like, Still fall in consort as theyr humors strike.

M. Drayton.

Sorrow.

Adowne his cheekes the teares so flowes
As doth the streame of many springs:
So thunder rends the clowdes in twaine,
And makes a passage for the raine.

M. Roydon.

As through an arch the violent roring tide Out-runnes the eye that doth behold his hast. OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 425
Yet in the Edie boundeth in his pride
Backe to the straite that forced him so fast,
In rage sent out, recald in rage being past:
Euen so his sighes, his sorrowes make a saw,

To push greefe on, and back the same greefe draw. W. Shakes peare.

As Eolus could neuer roare the like,
And showres downe rained from her eyes so fast
That all bedrent the place, till at the last
Well eased they the dolour of the minde,
As rage of raine doth swage the stormie wind.

M. Sackuile.

As in September when our yeere refignes
The glorious funne vnto the watry fignes, (scorne, which through the clowdes lookes on the earth in
The little bird yet to salute the morne
Vpon the naked branches sets her foote,
The leaues now lying on the mossie roote:
And there a filly chiriping doth keepe,
As though she saine would sing, yet saine would weepe,
Praysing saire Sommer that too soone is gone,
Or mourning winter, too fast comming on,
In this sad plight I mourne for thy returne.

M. Drayton.

As when the fatall bird of augurie
Seeing a stormie dismall clowde arise
vvithin the South, foretells with pittious cry
The weeping tempest that on suddaine hies,
So the poore soule, in view of his disdaine,
Began to descant on her future paine.

D. Lodge.

All like as Hecuba fell raging mad,
vvith griefe of minde and forrow fore oppressed,
To see her Polydorus little lad
By fraud of his kinsman vnkind distressed,
So rau'd Olympia fayre.

The raging pang remained still within,
That would have burst out all at once so fast,
Euen so we see the water tarry in
A bottle little mouth'd and big in wast,
That though you topsie-turue turne the brim,
The licour bides behind with too much hast,
And with the striuing oft is in such taking,
As scant a man may yet it out with shaking.

Idem.

Sorrow.

As one that saw in Aprill or in May

A pleasant garden full of fragrant flowers,
Then when the earth new clad in garments gay
Decks every wood and groue with pleasant bowers,
Comming againe on some Decembers day,
And sees it mard with winters stormes and showers,
So did the Court to Bradamant appeare,
When as she saw Rogero was not there.

I. Harr.

As gorgious Phabus in his first vprise,

Discouering now his scarlet-coloured head,

By troublous motions of the lowring skies,

His glorious beames with fogs are ouer-spred

So are his cheerfull browes ecclipst with sorrow, which clowd the shine of his youths smiling morrow

M. Drayton.

Like as when Phabus darting forth his rayes, Glydeth along the swelling Ocean streames, And whilst one billow with another playes Reflecteth backe his bright translucent beames: Such was the conflict then betwixt our eyes, Sending forth lookes as teares do fall and rife.

Idem.

Like to a vessell with a narrow vent, Which is fild vp with licour to the top, Although the mouth be after downeward bent, Yet is it seene not to distill a drop;

Euen thus our breast brimful with pensiue care, Stopping our tongues, with greefe we silent are.

Idem.

As the high Elme (when his deare Vine hath twind Fast in her hundred armes and holds imbrast) Beares downe to earth his spouse and darling kind If storme or cruell steele the tree downe cast, And her full grapes to nought doth bruze and grind, Spoyles his own leaues, faints, withers, dies at last, And feemes to mourne and die, not for his owne, But for the death of her that lyes orethrowne: So fell he mourning, mourning for the dame Whom life and death had made for euer his.

E. Fairefax.

As when a foggy mist hath ouer-cast The face of heaven, and the cleere ayre ingrost, The world in darknes dwells, till that at last The watry South-wind from the Sea-bord coast Vp blowing doth disperse the vapours lost, And powres it selfe forth in a stormie showre:

So the fayre Britomart having disclost
Her cloudy care into a wrathfull stowre,
The midst of greefe dissolved into vengeance powre.

Edm. Spen.

Offends the left, euen so by simpathy
Her husbands dolours made her hart vnglad,
And Indiths sorrowes made her husband sad.

T. Hudson.

Dissimulation.

As when a wearie trauailer that straies
By muddy shore of broad seauen-mouthed Nile,
Vnwitting of the perilous wandring wayes
Doth meete a cruell crastie Crocodile,
vvhich in false greefe hiding his harmefull guile,
Doth weepe full sore, and sheddeth tender teares:
The foolish man that pitties all the while
His mournfull plight, is swallowed vp vnwares,
Forgetfull of his owne that minds anothers cares:
So wept Duessa vntill euentide.

Edm. Spencer.

As cunning singers ere they straine on hie
In loude melodious tunes theyr gentle voyce,
Prepare the hearers cares to harmonie
With fainings sweet, low notes, and warbles choyce:
So she, not having yet forgot pardie
Her wonted shifts and sleights in Cupids toyes,

A sequence first of sighes and sobs forth cast,

To breede compassion deere, then spake at last.

Ed. Fairefax.

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As guilefull Goldsmith that by secret skill with golden soyle doth finely ouer-spred some baser mettle, which commend he will I nto the vulgar for good gold indeed, He much more goodly glosse thereon doth shed To hide his falshood, then if it were true: So hard this Idole was to be ared, That Florimell her selfe in all mens view shee seemd to passe, so forged things do fairest shew, Edm... Spencer.

As when two sunnes appeare in th'azure skie,

Mounted in Phabus Chariot sierie bright,

Both darting forth faire beames to each mans eye,

And both adornd with lamps of slaming light:

All that behold so strange prodigious sight,

Nor natures work them gesse, nor what to weene,

Are rapt with wonder, and with rare affright,

So stoode Sir Marinell when he had seene

The semblance of this false by this faire beauties queene.

Idem..

Loue.

As men tormented with a burning feauer

Dreame that with drinke they swage their greeuous

But when they wake they feele theyr thirst perseuer,

And to be greater then it was at first:

So shee whose thoughts fro loue sleepe could not seuer,

Dreamt of that thing for which she wake did thirst:

But waking, felt and found it as before,

Her hope still lesse, and her desire still more.

The man that dwells farre North hath sildome harme
With blast of winters winde or nypping frost:
The Negro sildome feeles himselfe too warme,
If he abide within his natiue coast:
So loue in mee a second nature is,
And custome makes me thinke my woes are blisse.

The Harpie byrds that did in such despight
Greeue and annoy old Phineus so fore,
Were chaste away by Calais in fight,
And by his brother Zeth for euermore:
vvho followed vntill they heard on hie,
A voyce that said; ye twins no farther slie.

Thineus I am that so tormented was,
My Laura heere I may a Harpie name,
My thoughts and sufts be sonnes to Boreat,
Which neuer ceast in following my dame,
Till heavenly grace sayd vnto me at last,
Leaue fond delights, and say thy love is past.

All as the greedy fisher layes his hookes
Alongst the coast to catch some mighty fish,
More for his gaine, then wholsome for the dish
Of him that buies: even so these sisters brave,
Have lovers more then honest may denshave.

Tho. Hudson.

The Monarchie of earth, yet when he fainted,
Greeu'd that no greater action could be done,
And that there no more worlds was to subdue,
So loues defects, loues conquerour did rue.

Edm. Spencer.

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ooke as the faire and fiery-poynted sunne Lushing from forth a clowde bereaues our sight, luen so the curtaine drawne, his eyes begun l'o winke, beeing blinded with a greater light.

W. Shakespeare. like as in furie of a dreadfull fight, Theyr fellowes being slaine, or put to flight, oore souldiours stand with feare of death dead strooo at her presence all surprized and tooken, (ken, Await the sentence of her scornefull eyes; Le whom she fauours liues, the other dies.

. C. Marlow.

Feare.

ike as a Hinde forth singled from the heard hat hath escaped from a rauenous beast, let flies away, of her owne feete afrayd, Ind every leafe that shaketh with the least Aurmure of windes, her terror hath increast, o fled fayre Florimell from her vaine feare.

Edm. Spencer.

He shakes aloft his Romaine blade, Vhich like a Faulchon towring in the skies Coucheth the foule below with his wings shade, Vhose crooked beake threats, if he mount, he dies o vnder his infulting Fauchion lyes

Harmelesse Lucretia, marking what he tells,

With trembling feare, as foule heares Faulchons bells. W. Shakespeare.

Is the poore frighted Deere that stands at gaze, Vildly determining which way to flie,

THE CHOYSES, T FLOWERS 432 Or one incompast with a winding maze, That cannot tread the way out readily, So with her selfe she growes in mutinie To liue or die which of the twaine were better, When life is sham'd, and deaths reproches better.

Idem. Like as the Snayle, whose hornes being once hit, Shrinks backward in his shelly caue with paine, And there all smoothred up in shade doth sit, Long after fearing to creepe forth againe: So at his bloody view her eyes are fled Into the deepe darke cabbins of her head.

Idem.

As in the night each little fierie sparke May plainly be discerned with our eyne, But when the day doth come we then shall marke That all are dampt and doe no longer shine: So kindles feare in minde which doubt made darke, Vntill my sunne in my Horizon shine.

S. I. Harr.

So great a terror in theyr minde was bred That straight as if with sprites they had beene skard, This way and that, confusedly they fled, And left the gates without defence or gard: As tumults often are at stage-plaies bred, When falle reports of sudden fits are heard: Or when the ouer-loaden seates doe cracke, One tumbling downe vpon anothers back. Idem.

Like as in time of Spring the water's warme, And crowding frogs like fishes there doe swarme, OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 433
But with the smallest stone that you can cast
To stirre the streame, they crowding states as fast:
o while Iudea was in joyfull dayes,
The constancie of them was worthy praise,
or that in euery purpose ye should heare
he praise of God resounding euery where:
o that like burning candles they did shine,
smong they faithfull flock, like men divine,
But looke how soone they heard of Holoserne,
They courage quaild, and they began to derne.

T. Hudjon.

Of Flight.

hat painefull ploughman cutteth vp with share, r as the Poppies head aside doth lye then it the body can no longer beare:
did the noble Dardanello die, nd with his death fild all his men with feare:
s waters runne abroade that breake theyr bay fled his souldiours, breaking theyr aray.

S. I. Harr.

the swift Vre by Volgaes rolling flood hasde through the plaine the massife curres to-forne, les to the succour of some neighbour wood, and often turnes againe his dreadfull horne gainst the dogs, imbrude in sweat and blood hat bite not till the beast to flight returne: as the Moores at theyr strange tennis runne efenst, the flying balls vnhurt to shunne, ranne Clorinda, so her foes pursude.

Ed. Fairefax.

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Like as a Lyon whose imperial power

A proude rebellious Vnicorne desies,

To auoyd the rash assault and wrathfull stowre

Of his sierce soe, him for a tree applies,

And when in running in full course he spies,

He slips aside, the whilst that furious beast

His precious horne sought of his enemies

Strikes in the stock, ne thence can be releast,

But to the mighty victor yeelds a bounteous feast,

With such fayre slight him Gnion often foyld.

Edm. Spencer. Errour.

As when old father Nilus gins to swell
With timely pride aboue th'Egyptian vale,
His fatty waves doe fertile shine out well,
And over-flow each plaine, and lowly dale,
But when his later ebbe gins to availe,
Huge heapes of mud he leaves, wherein there breed

Ten thousand kinde of creatures, partly male,

And partly female, of his fruitfull seede,

Such vgly monstrous shapes elswhere may no man re Ed. Spen. compard to Errors vomit.

Of Rage.

As fauage Bull whom two fierce mastines bait,
When fancor doth with rage him once ingore,
Forgets with warie ward them to await
But with his dreadfull hornes them drives afore,
Or flings aloft, or treads downe in the floore,
Breathing out wrath, and bellowing disdaine,
That all the forrest quakes to heare him rore,

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So ragde Prince Arthur twixt his foe-men twaine,

That neither could his mighty puissance sustaine.

Edm. Spen. Looke what a noyle an heard of fauage swine Doe make, when as the Wolfe a pig doth take That doth in all theyr hearings cry and whine, Plocking about as nature hath them taught: o doe these souldiours murmure and repine l'o see theyr Captaine thus to mischiese brought: And with great fury they doe set vpon him, All with one voyce, still crying on him, on him.

As when within the fost and spungie soyle The winde doth pierce the intrailes of the earth, Vhere hurly bu ly with a restlesse coyle, hakes all the centre, wanting issue forth, Tell with the tumour townes & mountaines tremble; Euen such a meteor doth theyr rage resemble.

M. Drayton. s when a Comet farre and wide descride s scorne of Phebus midst bright heaven doth shine; nd tydings sad of death and mischiefe brings, , shond the Pagan in bright armour clad, nd rold his eyes.

Ed. Fairefax. ke as a Bull when prickt with realousie, e spies the riuall of his hote desire, hrough all the fields doth bellow, rore, and cry, nd with his thundring voyce augments his ire: nd threatning battaile to the emptie skie, cares with his horne each plant, each bush, each brier,

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THE CHOISEST FLOWERS 436 And with his foote call's vp his hand on hight, Defying his strong foe to deadly fight, Such was the Pagans fury, such his cry. Idem.

Like as a Goshauke that in foote doth beare A trembling Culuer, having spyde on hight An Eagle that with plumy wings doth sheare-The subtile ayre, stooping with all his might The quarry throwes to ground with fell despight, And to the Battaile doth herselfe prepare: So ranne the Giantesse vnto the fight; Her fiery eyes with furious sparks did stare, & And with blasphemous bans, high God in peeces tar Edm. Spencer.

As Lyons meete, or Bulls in pastures greene With teeth and hornes, and staine with blood the field Such eager fight these warriours was betweene, And eythers speare had peirst the others shield. I. Harr.

Like as with equall rage, and equall might Two aduerse windes combate with billowes proud, And neyther yeeld, seas, skies maintaine like fight, Waue against waue opposed, and clowde to clowde, So warre both sides with obstinate despight, With like reuenge, and neither partie bowd, Fronting each other with confounding blowes, No wound one sword vnto the other owes. Sam. Daniell.

With equall rage as when the Southerne-winde Meeteth in battaile through the Northerne blass, The sea and ayre to weather is resignde

OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 437 But clowd gainst clowd, & wave gainst wave they past: So from this skirmish neither part declind, But fought it out, and keepes theyr footings fast, And oft with furious shock together rush, (crush. And shield gainst shield, & helme gainst helme they Ed. Fairefax. transl. Such was theyr furie as when Boreas teares The shattered crags from Taurus Northerne clift, Vpon theyr helmes theyr Launces long they broke,

And vp to heauen flew splinters, sparks, & smoake. · Idem.

As when two Tygers prickt with hungers rage Haue by good fortune found some beasts fresh spoile, On which they weene theyr famine to asswage, And gaine a feastfull guerdon of theyr toyle, Both falling out, doe stirre vp strifefull broyle, And cruell battaile twixt themselves doe make; Whilst neither lets the other touch the soile But eyther sdeignes with other to pertake, o cruelly those Knights strone for that Ladies sake.

Edm. Spencer.

rom out his fearefull eyes two fierie beames More sharpe then points of needles did proceed, hooting forth farre away two flaming streames full of sad power that poysonous baite did breed To all that within lookt without good heede, And secretly his enemies did slay: ike as the Basiliske of Serpents seede rom painfull eyes close venome doth conuay nto the lookers hart, and killeth farre away.

If Idem.

As when a Dolphin and a Sele are met
In the wide champion of the Ocean plaine,
With cruell chafe theyr courages they whet,
The maisterdome of each by force to gaine,
And dreadfull battaile twixt them doe darraine:
They snuffe, they snort, they bounce, they rage, they rore
That all the Sea disturbed with theyr traine
Doth frie with soame about the surges hore,
Such was betwixt these two the troublesome vprore.

Ed. Spencer.

As when the fierie mounted steedes which drew
The sunnes bright waine, to Phaetons decay,
Soone as they did the monstrous Scorpions view
With vgly crapples crawling in theyr way,
The sight thereof did them so sore affray,
That their well knowne courses they forewent:
And leading the euer-burning lampe astray,
This lower world nigh all to ashes brent,
And left their scorched path yet in the sirmament:
Such was the surie of these head-strong steedes,
Soone as the infants sunlike shield they saw.

Idem.

Like as the cutsed sonne of Theseus,
That following his chace in dewie morne,
To flie his stepdames love outragious,
Of his owne steedes was all to peeces torne,
And his faire limbs left in the woods forlorne,
That for his sake Diana did lament,
And all the woodie Nimphs did waile and mourne:
So was the Soldane rapt and all to rent,
That of his shape appeard no little moniment.

Idem...

Like raging Iuno, when with knife in hand
Shee threw her husbands murthered infant out,
Or fell Medea when on Colchicke strand
Her brothers bones she scattered round about,
Or as that madding mother mongst the rout
Of Bacchus priests, her owne deere flesh did teare:
Yet neyther Iuno nor Medea stout,
Nor all the Menades so furious were,
As this bold woman when she saw the damsell there.

Idem..

As the heate hidden in a watry clowde,
Striuing for issue with strange murmures loud, (der,
Like gunnes assuns, with round-round-rumbling thunFilling the ayre with noyse, the earth with wonder,
So the three sisters, the three hidious rages,
Raise thousand stormes, leaving th'insernals stages.

I. Siluester.

Pittie. Curtesie.

Shee pittious nurse applyde her painfull thought. To serue and nourish them that her vp-brought; Like to the gratefull Storke, that gathereth meate, And brings it to her elders for to eate.

And on a Firre-tree high, with Boreas blowne.

Giues life to those of whom she had her owne.

Th. Hudson.

As the bright sunne what time his fierie teame.
Foward the Westerne brim begins to draw,
Gins to abate the brightnes of his beame,
And feruor of his flames somewhat adaw,
So did this mighty Lady when she saw

Those two strange Knights such homage to her make Bate somewhat of her maiestie and awe
That whilom wont to doe so many quake,
And with more milde aspect those two to entertake.

As when the Southerne winde with luke-warme blast Breathing on hills where winter long had dwelt Dissolues the rocks of Ice that hung so fast, And all the new made mounts of snow doth melt: So with this gentle prayer, though spoke in hast, The damsell such an inward motion felt That suddainly her armed hart did soften, As vnto women-kinde it chaunceth often.

S. I. Harr.

Like as the winde stopt by some wood or hill
Growes strong & fierce, teares bowes & trees in twaine
But with mild blasts more temperate gentle still
Against the rocks as sea-waves murmure shrill
But silent passe amid the open maine:

Rinaldo so when none his force with-stood, Asswagde his furie, calmd his angry moode. Idem.

Courage.

As when two Rammes stird with ambitious pride
Fight for the rule of the rich-sleeced flock,
Theyr horned fronts so sierce on eyther side
Doe meete, that with the terror of the shock
Astonied, both stand sencelesse as a block
Forgetfull of the hanging victorie:
So stoode these twaine vinmoued as a rock,

Both

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Soth staring fierce, and holding ielely
The broken reliques of their former crueltic.

Edm. Spencer.

Aboue the waves as Neptune lift his eyes
To chyde the windes that Troyan ships oppress,
And with his countenaunce calmd seas, winds & skies,
to lookt Rinaldo when he shooke his crest.

S. I. Harr.

When the ayre is calme and still, as dead and deafe, and vnder heaven quakes not an Aspen leafe, when seas are calme, and thousand vessels steet spon the sleeping seas with passage sweet, and when the variant wind is still and lowne he cunning Pilot never can be knowne; but when the cruell storme doth threat the barke o drowne in deeps of pits infernall darke, while tossing teares both ruther, mast and saile, while mounting, seemes the azure skies to scale, while drives perforce upon some deadly shore; there is the Pilot knowne, and not before.

Th. Hudson.

Vhom raging-windes threatning to make theyr pray
If the rough rocks doe diverfly disease
Leets two contrary billowes by the way
hat her on eyther side doth sore assay,
and boast to swallow her in greedy grave;
hee scorning both their spights, doth make wide way,
and with her breast breaking the foamie wave,
both ride on both their backs, and faire herselfe doth
o boldly he him beares.

(saue,

Ed. Spen.

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As when a shyp that slies farre vnder sayle

A hidden rocke escaped hath vnwares,

That lay in waite her wrack for to bewaile,

The Mariner yet halfe amazed stares

At perrill past, and yet in doubt, ne dares

To ioy at his soole-hardie ouer-sight:

So doubly is distrest twixt ioy and feares.

The dreadlesse courage of this Elsin Knight.

Edm.. Spen.

Maiestie. Pompe.

Looke as great Cinthia in her filuer Carre
Rides in her progresse round about her sphere,
Whose tendance is the faire eye-dazeling starres
Trooping about her Chariot, that with cleere
And glorious showes makes euery eye delight
To gaze vpon the beautie of the night,
Clad and attended with the worlds delight,
So is the Queene in maiestie brought forth.

Chr. Middleton.

Like trident-maced Neptune in his pride,
Mounted vpon a Dolphin in a storme,
Vpon the tossing billowes forth doth ride,
About whose traine a thousand Tritons swarme:
When Phebus seemes to set the waves on fire,
To shew his glory, and the Gods desire:
Or like vnto the fiery-faced sunne,
Vpon his wagon prauncing in the West,
Whose blushing cheekes with stames seeme over-runc
Whilst sweating thus he gallops to his rest:
Such was the glory wherein now I stood,

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Thich makes the Barons sweat they rdeerest blood.

M. Dräyton.

nd goodly rivers that have made their graves and buried both theyr names and all theyr good within his greatnes to augment his waves, lides on with pompe of waters vnwithstood into the Ocean, which his tribute craves, and layes vp all his wealth within that powre, which in it selfe all greatnes doth devoure:

I flockt the mightie with theyr following traine into the all-receauing Bullenbrooke.

S. Daniell.

Then thou on thine imperiall Chariot set

Trownd with a rich imperled Coronet,

Whilst the Parisian dames as thy traine past

Theyr precious incense in aboundance cast:

Is Cynthia from the wave-embateled shrowdes

Ppening the west, comes streming through the clowds,

With shining troopes of silver-tressed starres

Ittending on her as her Torch-bearers,

Ind all the lesser lights about her, throne,

With admiration stand as lookers on,

Whilst she alone in height of all her pride

The Queene of light along her spheare doth glide.

M. Drayton.

Ciuill warres.

uen like to R beine which in his birth opprest trangled almost with rocks and mighty hills, Vorkes out away to come to better rest,

Warres

Warres with the Mountaines, striues against their will Brings forth his streames in vnitie profest Into the quiet bed he proudly fills, Carrying the greatnes which he cannot keepe, Vnto his death and buriall in the deepe: So did the worlds proude Mistres Rome at first Striue with an hard beginning, ward with neede, Forcing her strong confiners to the worst, And in her blood her greatnes first did breede: So Spaine at home with Moores ere forth it burst, Did practise long, and in it selfe did bleed: So did our state begin with her owne wounds To try her strength, ere it enlarge ther bounds.

Sam. Daniells

Like as an exhalation hote and dry

Amongst the ayre-bred moistie vapours throwne
Spetteth his lightning forth couragiously,
Renting the thicke clowdes with a thunder-stone,

As though the huge all-couering heauen did grone,
Such is the garboyle of this conflict then,
Braue Englishmen encountring Englishmen.

M. Drayton.

Like as a clowde foule, darke and vgly black,
Threatning the earth with tempest euery howre,
Now broken with a searefull thunder-crack, (showr
Straight powreth downe his deepe earth-drenching
Thus for theyr wrongs now rise they vp in armes,
Or to reuenge, or to amend theyr harmes.

· Idem.

Death.

hen downe he tumbled like an aged tree,
igh growing on the top of rockie clift,
Those hart-strings with keene steele nigh hewen be,
he mighty trunck halfe rent with ragged rift,
oth rolle adowne the rocks, & falls with fearfull drift.

Edm. Spencer.

r as a Castle reared high and round, y subtile engins and malicious slight vndermined from the lowest ground, and her foundations forst and seebled quite, t last downe falls, and with her heaped hight er hastie ruine doth more heavie make, and yeelds it selfe vnto the victors might, ich was this Giants fall.

Idem.

s when two billowes in the Irish sounds precibly driven with contrary tydes oe meete together, each aback rebounds with roring rage, and dashing on all sides hat filleth all the sea with soame, devides he doubtfull current into divers waves, sell these two in spight of both theyr prides. Idem.

Hope.

ke as through Tagus faire transparent streames he wandring Marchant sees the sandy gold, I like as Cynthias halfe obscured beames is slent night the Pilot doth behold hrough mistic clowdes, and vapours manifold, So through a mirror of my hop'd for gaine,

1 faw the treasure which I should obtaine.

Th. Storer.

Like as the sunne at one selfe time is felt
With heate to harden clay, and waxe doth melt,
So Amrams sacred sonne in these proiests,
Made one selfe cause have two contrary effects;
For flack humbly knew theyr Lord divine,
But Pharo more and more did still repine;
Like to the corpstet old, the more tis bet
vith hammer hard, more hardnes it doth get.
The Hudson.

This ill presage aduisedly she marketh,
Euen as the winde is husht before it raineth,
Or as the Wolfe doth grin before he barketh,
Or as the berry breakes before it staineth,
Or like the deadly bullet of a gunne,

His meaning strooke her ere his words begun.

W. Shakespeare.

Astonishment.

Like as the tiller of the fruitfull ground

vith suddaine storme and tempest is astonished,

vho sees the stash, and heares the thunders sound,

And for their maisters sake the cattell punished:

Or when by hap a faire old Pine he found

By force of raging wind his leaves diminished:

So stood amazed the Pagan in that place,

His Lady present at that wofull case.

.. I. Harrington.

Euen as a Wolfe by pinching famine led That in the field a carrion beast doth finde, OF OVR ENGLISH POETS. 447

In which before the doggs and Rauens haue fed, And nothing left but bones and hornes behind, itands still and gazeth on the carkasse dead: to at this sight the Pagan Prince repind, And curseth oft, and cals himselfe a beast, or comming tardy to so rich a feast.

Idem.

Like to a man who walking in the grasse. Ypon a Serpent suddenly doth tread, Mucks backe his foote, and turnes away his face, His colour fading pale, as he were dead:

Thus he the place, thus he the act doth shun, Lothing to see what he before had done.

M. Drayton.

Looke how the God of wisedome marbled stands bestowing Laurell wreaths of dignitie in Delphos Ile, at whose impartiall hands lang antique scrolles of gentle Herauldry, and at his feete ensignes and trophies lie, Such was my state, whom every man did follow, As living statue of the great Apollo.

Th. Storer.

Ill as the hungry winter-starued earth, when she by nature labours towards her birth, till as the day vpon the darke world creepes Ine blossome forth after another peepes, I'll the small flower whose roote is now vnbound, sets from the frostie prison of the ground, preading the leaues vnto the powrefull noone leckt in fresh colours, smiles vpon the sunne.

Neuer

THE CHOTSEST FLOWERS 448 Neuer vnquiet care lodge in that brest Where but one thought of Rosamond did rest. M. Drayton.

Courage.

Like as a fire the which in hollow caue Hath long beene under-kept and downe supprest, With murmure as disclaine doth inly raue, And grudge in so straite prison to be prest, At last breakes forth with furious vnrest, And striues to mount vnto his native seate: All that did erst it hinder and molest, It now devoures with flames and scorching heat, And carries into smoke, with rage and horror great, So mightily the Brittaine Prince him rould Out of his hold.

Edm. Spencer.

As he that striues to stop a sudden flood And in strong bands his violence inclose, Forcethit swell aboue his wonted moode, And largely ouer-flows the fruitfull plaine, That all the country seemes to be a maine, And the rich furrowes flote all quite fordone, The wofull husbandman doth lowd complaine To see his whole yeeres labour lost so soone, For which to God he made so many an idle boone, So him he held, and did through might amate.

s. Time Idems Like as a Saphire hanging downe the breaft A farre more orient glittering doth make, Then doth a Diamond of good request

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let in a bracelet, and more glory take,

Not for the vertue but the places fake,

o did a clowdy faphire dimme my light,

Not with his worth, but with his places height.

Th. Storer.

Of Adam.

hou seest no wheat Helleborus can bring, lor barly from the madding Morrell spring, lor bleating lambes braue lyons do not breed, hat leaprous parents raise a leaprous seed. uen so our grandsyre living innocent lad stockt the whole world with a saint descent. ut suffering sinne in Eden him invade, lis sonnes the soones of sinne and wrath he made.

I. Syluester. :..

s done the pots that long retaines the taste
flicour, such as first was in them plaste:
r like the tree that bends his elder braunch
hat way where first the stroke had made his launch
lee we wolfes and beares and harts full old,
me tamenesse from their daunted youth to hold.

7 b. Hudson.

---Loues fiery dart puld nere vnfreeze the frost of her chasse hart: it as the diamond bides the hammer strong, she resisted all her suters long.

Idem.

Drunkards.

The more he dranke, the more he did desire, Like to the Ocean sea, though it receaues All Nilus flouds, yet all fresh water craues From East to West, yet growes he not a graine, But still is ready for as much againe. Idem.

* The staves like yee in shivers small did flie, The splints like byrds did mount vnto the skie. M. Drayton.

Ill Companie.

Like as the perfect Pylot feares to runne Vpon the rocks, with fingling sheet doth shunne Cydnaes straits ot Syrtes sinking sands, Or cruell Capharois with Stormy Strands. So wisely she dishaunted the resort Of such as were suspect of light report. Well knowing that the quaintance with the ill Corrupts the good, and though they euer still Th. Hudson. Fol. 452.

* Looke how the peacocke ruffes his flanting taile, And strutts vnder his moued canapie: And how he quivers with his mooned faile, Yet when his lead pale legs he haps to fee, With shame abates his painted iollitie.

The King as proud as peacocke in his loue, Yet droupes again when words nor tears will mou M. Drayton. Britain 1810

Night.

ke how a bright starre shooteth from the skie, clides he in the night from Venus eye, ich after him she darts as on a shore, ing vpon a late embarqued frend, the wild waves will have them see no more, ose ridges with the meeting cloudes contend. o did the mercilesse and pitchy night old in the object that did feed her light. W. Sha.

King.

in as the Sun forlakes his christall spheare, darke and vgly is the gloomy skie? in his place ther's nothing well appeare, loudes that in his glorious circuit flie. when a King forfakes his royall place, nere still succeed oblique and darke disgrace. Ch. Middleton

e how the day hater Minernaes bird, est priviledged with darknes and the night : liue secure himselfe of others feard, by chaunce discouered in the light, weach little foule with enuy stird, him to iustice, vrges him with spight, nons the feathered flocks of all the wood, me to scorne the tyrants of their blood es the King laid open to disgrace. S. Daviell.

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And forth hee's brought vnto the accomplishmen Deckt with the crowne and princely robes that day Like as the dead in other lands are sent Vnto their graues in all their best aray. And euen like good did him this ornament. For what he brought he must not beare away, But buries there his glory and his name, Intomb'd for euermore in others blame. in Idem. and and the

Companie.

Remaine vpright, yet some will quarrell pike, And common brute will deeme them all alike. For looke how your companions you elect For good or ill, so shall you be suspect, Th. Hudson. Of Victorie.

Like as whilome that strong Tyranthian swaine Brought forth with him the dreadfull dog of hell Against his will fast bound in yron chaine, And roring horribly did him compell To see the hatefull sun, that he might tell To grifly Pluto what on earth was donne, And to the other damned ghoalts which dwell For ayein darknelles which day-light doth shunn So led he forth this captine, and like conquest wo Ed. Spencer.

Like as in sommers day when raging heate Doth burne the earth and boyled rivers drie: That all brute beasts forste to refraine from mea

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o hunt for shade where shrowded they may lie. nd milling it, faine from themselves to flie Il trauailers tormented are with paine: mightie cloud doth ouercast the skie," nd powreth forth a suddaine showre of raine, nat all the wretched world recomforteth againe. did the warlike Britomart restore ne prize of knights of may den-head that day.

when a troupe of haruest thrifty swaines ith cutting sythes earth ripened riches mowes, hole sheaues of corne lye strowen voon the plaines. fall the Scots before the conquering foes. De Lodge.

Marianali & Death.

1 Appenine like as a sturdy tree gainst the windes that makes resistance stout: vith a storme it overturned bee, les downe and breakes the trees and plants about: Latine fell, and with him felled hee; id slew the nearest of the Pagan rout. Ed. Fairfax.

ce as the sacred oxe that carelesse stands ith gilden hornes and flowry girlonds crownd: pud'of his dying honour and deare bands, hilest Theaters fume with frankensence around, I suddenly with mortall stroke astoind, oth grouelling fall, and with his steaming gore staines the pillers and the holy ground,

And

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And the faire flowers that decked him afore, So fell proud Marinell vpon the precious shore.

Ed. Spencer.

Like as a shippe whom crueil tempest drives Vpon a rocke with horrible dismay, Her shattered ribbes in thousand peeces riues, And spoyling all her geares and goodly ray, Does make her selfe missortunes piteous pray. So downe the cliffe the wretched giant tombled.

Like an autumall starre which ruddy doth foreshewe Some death, some pestilence, some bloudy ouerthrow He buskles with his foe, the assailant he assaults, And resolute he markes his arrowes weake defaults. Then entring in betweene his brest place and his base He seeks his sinful soule, there finds, & thence it chase I. Syla

molling Fight.

Like as two massiffe dogs with hungry iawes, Mou'd full to hate, from hate to raging ire: Approach with grinning teeth and grifly iawes, With staring eyes as red as flaming fire. At last they bite and scratch with teeth and clawes, Tearing themselves, and trembling in the mire. So after biting and reproachfull words, Sarcapant and Rinaldo drew their swords. Ed. Spencer.

Like as an exhalation hot and drie, Amongst the aire bred moisty vapours throwne

Spille

pilleth his lightening forth couragiously, enting the thick clouds with a thunder-stone, s though the huge all couering headen did grone. uch is the garboy le of this conflict then, raue English men encountring English men.

M. Drayton.

ike as ye see the wallowing sea to striue
lood after flood, and wave with wave to drive:
he waves with waves, the floods with floods to chace,
nd eft returnes ynto their former place.
r like the crops of corne in midst of May,
lowne vp with westerne wind) asside do sway,
oth too and fro as force doth them constraine,
nd yet their tops redresset by Aledes displaced,
whiles the Sirians are by Medes displaced,
and whiles the Medes by Syrians are rechaced.

Th. Hudson.

ke as a puttock having spied in sight
gentle faulchon sitting on a hill,
Those other wing now made vinmeet for flight,
Tas lately broken by some fortune ill.
he foolish kite led with licentious will,
oth beat vpon the gentle byrd in vaine,
Tith many idle stoopes her troubling still.
ten so did Radagond with bootlesse paine,
nnoy this noble knight, and sorely him constraine.

Ed. Spencer, in the lien as an Eagle that espies from hie, mong the hearbes a partie coloured snake: ron a banke sunning her selfe to lie, the elder skin, anew to make

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Lies

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Lies houering warily till she may spic A duantage sure the venomd worme to take: Then takes him by the backe and beats her wings, Maugre the poylon of his forked stings, So doth Rogero both with sword and speare, The cruell monster warily assaile.

S. I. Harr.

Like as a mountaine or a cape of land, A saild with stormes, and sailes on every side Doth vnremoued stedfast still withstand, Storme, thunder, lightning, tempest, wind and tide. The Souldan so withstood Latinus band. Ed. Fairfax.

So thicke flew flouds and darts that no man fees The azurde heavens, the sunne his brightnes lost: The cloudes of weapons like to swarmes of bees Met in the aire, and there each other crost. And looke how falling leaves drop downe from trees When the moyst sappe is mixt with lively frost, Or apples in strong windes from braunches fall, The Sarazens so tumbled from the wall, Idem: 1932

As when a windy tempel bloweth hie, That nothing may withstand his stormy stowre, The cloudes as things afraid before him flie, But all to soone as his outragious power Is laid, they fairly then begin to showre, And as in storme of his spent stormy spight, Now all at once their malice forth do powre. So did Sir Guion beare himselfe in fight, And suffered rash Pirrocles want his idle might.

Ed. Spencer.

As Eagle fresh out of the Ocean wave,
Where he hath left his plumes all hoary gray,
And deckt himselfe with seathers youthly gay,
Like Eyas hauke vpmounting to the skies,
His newly budded pinions to assay,
And maruells at himselfe still as he flies,
So new, this newborne knight to battle did arise.

Idem.

As gentle shepheard in sweete cuen-tide,
When ruddy Phæbus gins to walke in west,
He on an hill his flocke to viewen wide,
Markes which do bite his heartie supper best.
A cloud of combrous gnats do him molest,
All striving to infixe their seeble stings,
That from their noyance, he no where can rest,
But with his clownish hands their tender wings
He brusheth off, and oft doth marre their murmurings.

Ed. Sp.

At once upon him ranne, and him beset
With stroakes of mortall steele, without remosse,
And on his shield like Iron sledges bet,
As when a Beare and Tigre being met,
In cruell fight on Libicke Ocean wide,
Espide a traueller with feet surbet,
Whom they in equall pray hope to deuide,
They stint their strife, and him assaile on every side.

Ed. Spencer.

Of noise. Clamour.

As great a noise as when in Cymbrian plaine, An heard of bulls, whom kindly rage doth sting, Do

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Do for the milky mothers want complaine,

And fill the fields with troublous bellowing,

The neighbor woods around with hollow murmuring.

Ed. Sp.

As when the shapelesse huge Lewisthan

Hath thrust himselfe vpon the sandie shore,

Where (monsterlike) affrighting every man,

He belloweth out a fearefull deadly rore.

Euen such a Clamour through the aire doth thunder,

The dolefull presage of some fearefull wonder.

M. Drayton.

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Much like as when the beaten marriner
That long hath wandred in the Ocean wide,
Oft sow's in swelling Tethis saltish teare,
And Long time having tamde his tawnie hide,
With blustering breath of heaven that none can bide,
And scorching flames of sierce Orions hound,
Soone as the port from far he hath espide,
His chearefull whistle merily doth sound,
And Nereus crownes with cups, his mates him pledge
Such loy made Una when her knight she found.

Looke how a troupe of winter prisoned dames,
Pent in the inclosure of the walled townes,
Welcomes the spring visher to sommers flames,
Making their passimes on the flowry downes,
Whose beautious Arras wrought in natures frames,
Through eies admire, the heart with wender crownes.

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So these wood-walled citizens at sea, Welcome be both spring and sommer in a day. I. Markham.

Like as a ship with dreadfull storme long rost, Hauing spent all her masts and her ground hold, Now farre from harbour, like to be lost, At last some fisher barke doth neare betold, That giueth comfort to her courage cold: Such was the state of this most knight.

Ed. Spencer.

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As when to purge excessive moist descending, From Saturns spheare, or else superfluous heate, Ioue stird vp by Mars (common good entending) Sends lightning flash to lay their angry threate. So wiser heads that knew the scourge of warre, Sought sooth fast meanes to mitigate the iarre.

D. Lodge.

As when a skilfull marriner doth read A storme approaching that doth perill threate, He will not bide the danger of such dread, Bur strikes his sailes and vereth his manishear, has a And lends vnto it leave the emptic aire to beatch to?

So did the faiery knight himselfe abearc.

Ed. Spencer. As Pilot well expert in perillous wave, That to a steadfast starre his course harh bent, When foggy mists or cloudie tempests haue, The faithfull light of that faire lamp yblent,

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And couered heaven with hidious dremment,
Vpon his card and compasse formes his eie,
The maisters of his long experiment.
And to them does the steddie helme applie,
Bidding his winged vessell fairely forward slie.
So Guion.

Ed. Spencer.

Labour.

. Smith mendi

Like as ye see sometimes the honey bees, Exerce themselues on buds of sweetest tree, Where they sometime assault the buzzing waspe, That come too neare, their flames away to claspe. Or when they honey draw from smelling time, Or from the palme or roles of the prime, And how they draw their waxe with wondrous art, Obseruing ioynture iust in cuery part: Both vp and downe, they build ten thousand shops, With equall space fulfild vp to the tops. Or where the maister Bee of thousand bands, Conducts the rest in legions through the lands, Who daily keepes within their Citie wall, Their house, their worke, their lawes, and maners all, So thus the sonnes of Iacob plide their paine, With whole desire their quarell to sustaine. Th. Hudson.

As do those Emmers that in sommer tide

Come out in swarmes their houses to prouide,

In haruest time (their toile may belt be seene,

In pathes where they their carriage bring betweene,

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The sicke and old at home do keepe the score, And ouer grainell great they take the charge, Oft turning corne within a chamber large, (When it is dight) least it do sprout or seed, Or come againe, or weeulls in it breed. While the Armorers with armour hard and great, On studies strong the sturdie steele do beate, And makes thereof, a corpslet or a lacke, Sometime a helme, sometime a mace doth make, Whiles shepheards they enarme vnvsde to danger, Whiles simple heards, & whiles the wandring stranger The tilling culter then a speare was made, The crooked Sithe became an euened blade: The people foode forgets, no ease they take, Some on an horse, some on his proper backe, Some on a carr, some on a camell beares Corne, wine, and flesh, to serue for many yeares. Th: Hudson.

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VVarre. Like to a river that is stopt his course, Doth violate his bankes, breakes his owne head, Destroyes his bounds, and ouerruns by force The neighbour fieldes, inregularly spread. Euenso this sudden stop of Warre doth nurse Home toiles within it selfe from others lead, So daungerous the chaunge thereof is tried, Ere mindes come soft, or otherwise imploide. S. Daniell.

Astonishment -

As when the mast of some well timbred hulke,
Is with the blast of some outragious storme
Blowne downe, it shakes the bottome of the bulke,
And makes her ribs to cracke as they were torne,
Whil'st still she stands astonisht and forlorne:
So was he stound with stroake of her huge taile.

The perillous present stownd wherein their liues were As when two warlike brigandines at sea, (set, With murdrous weapons armd in cruell fight, Do meete together on the watrie Lea.

They stem each other with so fell despight,

That with the shocke of their owne heedlesse might,

Their woodden ribs are shaken right asunder.

They which from shore behold the dreadfull sight

Of flashing sier, and here the Ordinance thunder,

So greatly stand amaz'd of such vnwonted wonder.

Ed. Spencer.

Caré of children.

All as the painefull ploughman plies his toile,
With share and culter shearing through the soile
That costs him deare, and ditches it about;
Dr. crops his hedge to make it undersprout,
And never staies to ward it from the weede,
but most respects to sowe therein good seede:

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Toth'end when sommer decks the medowes plaine, He may have recompence of costs and paine. Or like the maide, who carefull is to keepe The budding flowre, that first begins to peepe Out of the knop, and waters it full oft, To make it seemely shew the head aloft, That it may (when she drawes it from the stocks) Adorne her gorget white, and golden locks. So wise Merariall his studie stild, To fashion well the maners of his child. Th. Hudson, Libertie.

Like to a Lion that escapes his bownds, Hauing bene long restraind his vse to stray, Raunges the restlesse woods, staies on no ground. Riots with bloudshed, wantons with his pray, Seekes not for need, but in his pride to wound, Glorying to see his strength, and what he may So this vinbridled King, freed of his feares, In libertie himselfe vnwildly beares. S. Daniell.

* Like as the hauke which soareth in the skie. And climes aloft for solace of her wing, The greater gate the getteth vp on hie, The truer stoope she makes to any thing r So shall you see my muse by wandring, Find out at last the right and ready way, And keepe it sure, though erst it went altray. G. Gascoigne.

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* Like as the ship that through the Ocean wide
Directs her course, vnto one certaine coast,
Is met with many a counterwind and tide,
With which her winged speed is let and crost,
And she her sejfe in stormie surges lost.
Yet making many a boord and many a bay,
Still winneth way, and hath her compast lost.
Right so it fares with me in this long way,
Whose course is often staid, yet neuer is astray.

Ed. Spencer.

* --- As she was looking in a glasse,

She sawe therein a mans face looking on her:

Whereat she started from the frighted glasse,

As if some monstrous serpent had bene shewen her:

Rising as when the sunne in Leo signe,

Auriga with the heavenly goale vpon her,

Shewes her hornd head, with her kids divine.

Whose rise kills vines sheevens face with stormes dis

Whose rise kils vines, heavens face with stormes dis-No man is safe at sea, the Hædy rising. (guising,

So straight wrapt she her body in a cloude,

And threatned tempest for her high disgrace,

Shame from a bowre of Roses did vnshrowde,

And spread her crimson wings vpon her face.

G. Chapman.

Multitude.

Like when some mastiffe whelpe disposed to play, A whole consuled heard of beests doth chase, Which with one vile consent runne all away, If any hardier then the rest in place.

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But turne the head that idle feare to stay, Backe strait the daunted chacer turnes his face: And all the rest with bold example led, As fast runne on him as before they fled. So with this bold opposer rushes on This many headed monster multitude.

S. Daniell.

As when the daughter of Thanmantes faire Hath in a watry cloud displaied wide Her goodly bowe which paints the liquid aire, was a That all men wonder at her colours pride: All suddenly ere one can looke aside, The glorious picture vanisheth away, Neany token doth thereof abide. So did this Ladies goodly forme decay, And into nothing goe, ere one could it bewray. Ed. Spencer.

Beautie.

Like as a tender Rose in open plaine, That with untimely drought nigh withered was And hung the head; soone as fewe drops of raine Thereon distill and deaw her daintie face, Gins to looke vp, and with fresh counted grace Dispreds the glory of her leaves gay e, luch was Iranas countenance, such her grace. Idem.

like as the wind and tide when they do meet, Vith enuious oppositions do affright The leffer lireames running for to regrect Hh The

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The Ocean Empire, so do these two fight,
One labours to bring all things to his will,
The other cares for to prevent that ill.

Ch. Middleton.

Descriptions of Pallaces, Castles, &c.

A stately Pallace built of squared bricke,
Which cunningly was without morter laid,
Whose walles were high, but nothing strong nor thick,
And golden soyle all ouer them displaid.
That purest skie with brightnesse they dismaid,
High listed vp were many losty towres,
And goodly galleries farre ouerlaid:
Full of sayre windowes and delightfull bowres,
And on the top a dyall told the timely howres.

Ed. Sp.

The soueraigne Castels of the rocky yle,
Wherein Penelope the Princes lay:
Shone with a thousand lampes, which did exile
The dimme darke shades, and turnd the night to day.
Not Iones blew tent what time the sunny ray
Behind the bulwarke of the earth retires,

Is seene to sparkle with more sprinkling fires.

I. Danies.

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annestal.

Logistillaes Castle.

And costly substance others all surmounted:
The valew of the walles cannot man knowe,
Except he first vpon the same had mounted.

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Men haue not Iewels of such price belowe, Diamonds are to these but drosse accounted. Pearles are but pelfe, and Rubies all are rotten Where stones of such rare vertue can be gotten. These walles are built of stones of so great price, All other vnto these come far behinde, In these men see the vertue and the vice That cleaueth to the inward soule and minde, As neither flattering praises shall him blinde With tickling words nor vndeserued blame, With forged faults shal worke him any shame: From hence doth come the everlasting light, That may with Phabus beames so cleare compare, That when the Sunne is downe there is no night With those that with those lewels stored are. These gems do teach vs to discerne aright. These gems are wrought with workemanship so rare, That hard it were to make true estimation Which is more hard the substance or the fashion. On arches railed of Porphorie palling hie, Were gardens faire, and pleasant to the eie. So hie, that to ascend them seemd a paine, Fewe found so rare below vpon a plaine. Sweet smelling trees in order standing bee; With Fountaines watering them in stead of raine, Which doth the same so naturally nourish, As all the yeare both flowers and fruites do flourist. No weeds or fruitlessetrees are in this place, But hearbes whose yertues are of chiefest price, As soueraigne lage, and thrift, and hearbes of graces And Tyme, which well bestowed maketh wile:

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And lowly patience proud thoughts to abase.

And harts ease that can neuer grow with vice.

These are the hearbes that in this garden grew, Whose vertues to their beauties still renew.

S.I.H.

--- She then led vp to the castle wall That was so hie as foe might not it clime: And all so faire and sensible withall, Not built of bricke, ne yet of stone and lime, But of thing like to that Egyptian slime. Whereof King Nine whilom built Babell towne, The frame thereof seemd party circuler, And part tryangulare, ô worke diuine, Those two the first and last proportions are, The one imperfect mortall seminine, The other immortall, perfect masculine. And twixt them both, a quadrate was the base, Proportioned equally by seuen and nine: Nine was the circle set in heavens place, All which compacted, made a goodly Diapaze. Ed. Spencer.

Vp to a stately Turret she them led,
Ascending by ten steps of Alablaster wrought.
That Turrets frame most admirable was,
Like highest heauen compassed around:
And lifted hie aboue this earthly masse,
Which it suruewd as hills do lower ground,
But on ground, mote not like to this be found.
Not that which Antique Camus whilom built
In Thebes, which Alexander did confound.
Nor that proud towns of Troy though richly guilt,

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From which young Herods blood by cruel Greeks was
The roofe thereof was arched ouer head: (spilt,
And deckt with flowres and arbors daintily,
Two goodly beacons, set in watches stead,
Therein gaue light and flam'd continually:
For they of liuing fier most subtilly
Were made and set in siluer socketts bright:
Couered with lids deuizde of substance,
That readily they shut and open might,
O who can tell the praises of this makers might?

Idem.

Faire roome the presence of sweet Beauties pride,
The place the sunne vpon the earth did hold:
When Phaethon his chariot did misguide,
The towne where some raind downe himselfe in gold,
Oif Striven has been crossed.

Oif Elizium be aboue the ground, we be

Then here it is where nought but ioy is found.

Th. Nashe.

Loe Colin here the place whose pleasant sight
From other shades hath weard my wandring minde:
Tell me what wanteth here to worke delight?
The simple aire, the gentle warbling winde,
So calme, so coole, as no where els I finde:
The grassie ground with daintie daizies dight,
The bramble bush where byrds of every kinde,
To the waters fall, their tunes attemper right.

In little time these Ladies sound

A groue with euery pleasure crownd:

At whole sweet entry did resound

A ford, that flowred that holy ground,

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THE CHOYSEST FLOWERS 470 From thence the sweet breath'd windes conusy me Odours from euery mirtle spray, with the second And other flowers to whole aray while it is the A hundred Harpes and Timbrels play: 30 1000 000 1 All pleasures study can invent, and the leave to be set of The Dames eares instantly present: Voyces in all sorts different, which is the comment of The foure parts and the Diapent. 1962 (1) 10 19 1919 G. Chapman, The Comment of the Comme ---- On the other fide a pleafant group Was shot vp hie, full of the stately tree, That dedicated is to Olympicke Ioue: And to his sonne Alcides, when as he assist and and all Gaind in Nemea goodly victoric: and made and months Therein the merry byrds of every foresite and ad T Chaunted aloud their chearfull harmonie. And made amongst themselves a sweet consent, That quickened the dull sprites with musicall consent. Asraed Spencer. song sites in the soil Vpon this mount there stood a stately groue, and Whose reaching armes to clip the welkin stroue, the Of tufted Cedars and the braunching Pine, Whose bushy tops themseldes do so intwine, who see As seemd when nature first this worke begunne; She then conspired against the piercing Sunne, Vnder whose couest (thus dininely made): Phebus greene lawrell flourisht in the shade. Faire Venus mirtle, Mars his warlike firrhe, mis dall al Mineruaes Olive, and the weeping mirrhe. The patient Palme which striues in spight of hate, The Poplar to Alcides consecrates Which Which nature in such order had disposed,
And therewithall their goodly workes enclosed:
As seru'd for hangings and rich tapestry,
So beweisie this stately gallery.

M. Drayton.
So faire a church as this had Venus none,
The walles were of discoulered Iasper. Stone:
Wherein was Proteus caru'd, and ouer hed
A liuely vine of green-sea-aggat spred:

Where by one hand light-headed Bacchus hung, the War And with the other wine from grapes out-wrung

Of christal shining faire the pavement was,

The Towns of Sestos call'd it Venus glasse.

There might you see the Gods in sundry shapes,

Committing heddy ryots, incests, rapes.

For vnderneath this tadiant flower

Was Danaes Ratue in a brazen Tower.

one flily stealing from his lifters bed,

To dally with Idalian Ganyneede.

And for his loue Europa bellowing loud,

And tumbling with the Rain-bow in a cloud.

Blood quaffing Mars having the yron net,

With limping Vulcan and his Cyclops set.

Loue kindling fier to burne such fiers as Troy,

Syluanus weeping for the louely boy,

That now is turned into a Cypresse tree,

Vader whose shade the wood-gods loue to bec.

Ch. Marlowe.

Not that Colossus reared up in Rhodes,

Nor hanging gardens houering in the skie:

Nor all the wonderous mansions and abodes

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In Egypt, Lemnos, or in Italy.

Either for riches, cunning, or expence, Might match this Labyrinth for excellence.

D. Lodge.

With nature, did an arbor greene dispred:
Framed of wanton yuie, flowring faire,
Through which the fragrant Eglantine did spred
His pricking armes entraild with Roses red,
Which daintie odours round about them threw,
And all within with flowers was garnished:
That when mild Zephirus amongst them blew,
Did breath out bountious smelles and painted colour

Ed. Sp. (shew

The Tower of Beautie whence alone did flowe in the

More heavenly streames then former age had seenes

Taking their current from that learned hill, Where lodge the brothers of admire and skil.

Amongst the sommer blossomes of their bowes,

A thousand seuerall coloured byrds was set:

Who mou'd (as seem'd) by charitable vowes

Of excellent compassion, euer wet

With honourable teares (for Fates allowes

That sensible from sencelesse still shall set

Modells of pitie) learne there with melodie

To cheare mens minde foredone with milerie.

1. Markham.

That blood-red billowes like a walled front
On either side disparted with his rod,
Till that his army dry foot through them yode

D.velt

Dwelt fortie dayes vpon; where writ in stone With bloudy letters by the hand of God, The bitter doombe of death and balefull mone He did receive whiles flashing fire about him shonne. Or like that sacred hill whose head full hie the that the Adornd with fruitfull Olives all around, ls, as it were for endlesse memorie Of that deare Lord, who oft thereon was found, For cuer with a flowring garlond crownd Or like that pleasant mount that is for aye, Through famous Poets verse each where renownd: On which the thrice three learned Ladies play, Their heavenly notes, and make full many a louely lay. Ed. Spencer. L. Storm Control of the Control of the

Right in the middest of the paradize There stood a stately mount, on whose round top A gloomy grove of mirtle trees did rife: Whose shady bores tharpesteele did neuer lop, Nor wicked beafts their tender buds did crop. But like a girlond compassed the height, And from their fruitfull sides sweet gumme did drop: That all the ground with pretious deaw bedight, Threw forth most dainty Odors & most sweet delight, And in the thickest covert of that shade, There was a pleasant arbor, not by art, But of the trees owne inclination made. Which knitting their ranke braunches part to part: With wand in yuic twine intraild a thwart, And Eglantine and Caprifoile among: Fashion'd aboue within their immost part, That neither Phabus beams could through them throg. Nor

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Nor Aeolus sharp blast could worke them any wrongs

It was an hill plac't in an open plaine, That round about was bordered with a wood Of matchlesse height, that seemd thearth disdaine: In which all trees of honour stately stood, And did all winter, as in sommer bud, Spreading paulions for the birds to bowre, Within their lower braunches sung aloud, And in the tops, the foaring hankes did towre, Sitting like King of fowles in maiestie and power, And at the foote thereof, a gentle flouding and and His filuer waves did softly tumble downe, Vnmard with ragged mosse of filthy mud. Ne mote wild beafts, ne mote the ruder clowner of the in Lereto approach, ne filth mote therein drowne, 751 But Nymphes and Fairies by the bankes did sit In the woods shade, which did the waters crowne, Keeping all noilome things away from it, And to the waters fall tuning their accents fit. And on the toppe thereof a spacious plaine, is all land Did spread it selfe to serue to all delight, Either to daunce when they to daunce would faine, Or else to course about their bases light. Ne ought there wanted which for pleasure might Defired be, or thence to banish bale, was and the well So pleasantly the hill with equall height, min Did feeme to ouerlooke the lowly vale, and Therefore it rightly cleped was, Mount, Acidale. They say that Venus when she did dispose Her selfe to pleasance, vied to resort Vnto

Unto this place, and therein to repose And rest her selfe as in a gladsome port, Or with the graces there to play and sport.

Ed. Spencer. le was a chosen plot of fertile land Amongst the wild waves set like a litle nest, As if it had by natures cunning hand Bene choicely picked out from all the rest, And laid forth for ensample of the best. No daintie flower nor hearbe that growes on ground, No arboret with painted blossomes drest, And smelling sweete, but there it might be found. To bud out faire, & her sweet smels throw all around. No tree whose braunches did not brauely spring; No braunch wherein a fine bird did not lit, No bird but did her shrill notes ever sing; No fong but did containe a louely dit. Trees, braunches, birds, and songs were framed fit, For to allure fraile minds to carelesse case.

> Linden Idem. The Haddely and the Williams Will Monte con approved A present and all

. Ilos: 3-2-3 Groque. some matter to a letter of the condail med weg.

A landy Groaue not farre away they spide, That promise aid the tempest to withstand, Whose lostie trees yelad with sommers pride, Did spread so broade, that heavens light did hide. Not pierceable with power of any staire, ________ And all within were pathes and allies wide, With footing worne, and leading inward farre. Ed. Spencer.

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The porch was all'of Porphyric and Tutch, In which the sumpruous building raised was: With Images that feem'd to moue, see, touch. Some hewd in stone, some caru'd in round cut brasse. Alfo within the beauty was as much, Vnder a stately arch they strait did passe de la land Vnto a court that good proportion bare; And was each way one hundred cubits square. Each of these sides a porch had passing faire, interest That with an archisinto colours placed: Of equall sise they seemed euery paire, Yet fundry workes with them they better graced. At each of these a wide large case staire, Without the which all buildings are defaced. And those same staires so lately mounting, led Each to a chamber richly furnished of his and all The colours hie, the chaplets gilt with gold, The cornishes inricht with things of cost: The marbles fet from farre, and dearly fold, its By cunning workemen carned and embost With Images and Antiques new and old. Though now the night thereof concealed most, Shew that that worke so rich beyond all measure, Could scant be builded with a Princestreasure one But nothing did somuch the sight inrich, The Market As did the plenteous fountaine that did stand Just placed in the middle, vnder which is a say The Pages spreda Table out of hand, And brought forth napery rich, and plate more rich: And meats the choysest of the sea or land. For though the house had stately roomes full many,

l'et in the sommer this was best of any, This fountaine was by curious workemen brought To answere to the rest with double square, Eight female statues of white marble wrought, With their left hands an azure skie vpbare, a w With raining still expelled heate and drought From all that under it or neare it are. In these right hands was Amaltheas horne, By euery one of those eight statures borne. Each of those statues rested both their secte, Vpon two Images of men belowe, I hat seemd delighted with the noise so sweete, That from the water came that there did flowe, Also they seemd the Ladies lowly greete, As though they did their names and vertues knowe. In all their hands they held long scrowles of writings, Of their owne pennings, and their owne endightings: And in faire golden letters were their names, Both of the women wrought and of the men. The women were eight chafte and fober dames That now do live, but were vnborne as then, The men were Poets, that their worthy fames In time to come, should praise with learned pen. Thele Images bare vp a brazen tressell, On which there stood a large white marble vessell: This tooke the water from that A zure skie, From whence with turning of some cocke or vice, Great store of water would mount up on hie, And wet all that same court even in a trice.

S. I. Harrington.

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Had brought vs to the top of yonder mount,
Milde Zephirus embrac'd vs in his armes,
And in a cloude of sweete and rich persumes,
Cast vs into the lap of that greene meade,
Whose bosome stucke with purple Violets,
Halfe budded Lillies, and yoong Musk-rose trees,
About whose waste the amorous woodbine twines,
Whilst they seeme maidens in a louers armes,
There on the curled forehead of a banke,
That sweld with camomill, ouer whose bewtie
A wanton Hyacinth held downe his head,
And by the winds helpe oft stole may abide,
He sate vs downe, and thus we did ariue.

Th. Dekkar.

Description of Seas, VV aters, Rivers, &c.

The fertile Nile which creatures new doth foame,
Long Rhodanus whose sourse springs from the skie,
Faire Ister flowing from the mountaines hie,
Divine Scamander purpled yet with blood
Of Greekes and Troians which therein did lie:
Pactotus glistering with his golden flood,
And Tigris fierce, whose streames of none may be
Ed. Spencer. (withstood)

Great Ganges and immortall Euphrates,
Deepe Indus, and Meander intricate,
Slowe Peneus and tempestuous Phasides,
Swift Rhene, and Alpheus still immaculate,
Oraxes feared for great Cyrus fate,
Tibris renows ed for the Romains name. Idam.

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The Cydnus streame (who for his filuer flood, Esteemd a King) ran now with humane blood.

Th. Hudson.

A gentle streame, whose murmuring wave did play
Amongst the pumy stones and made a sound
To sull himselfe a sleepe that by it lay.
The wearie traveller wandring that way,
Therein did often quench his thirstie heate,
And then by it his wearie simmes display.
Whiles creeping slumber made him to forget
His former paine, and wipe away his toylsome sweate.

Ed. Spencer.

Faire Danubie is praised for being wide,

Nylus commended for his seuenfold head,

Euphrates for the swiftnesse of the tide,

And for the garden whence his course is lead,

The bankes of R hene with wines are overspread,

Take Loyre and Po, yet all may not compare

With English Thamesis for building rare.

Th. Storer.

Great Nylus land where raine doth neuer fall.

Th. Hudson.

Anon he stalketh with an easie stride,
By some cleare Rivers lillie paued side,
Whose sands pure gold, whose pibbles precious gems,
And liquid silver all the curling streams:
Whose chiding murmure mazing in and out,
With Christall cesterns, moates a meade about.
And th'artlesse bridges overthwart this torrent,
Are Rocks selfe-arched by the eating current.

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Or louing palmes, whose lustie females willing,
Their marrow-boiling loues to be fulfilling,
And reach their husband trees on th'other bankes,
Bow their stiffe necks, and serue for passing plankes.

I. Syluester.

Description of Seas, waters, Rivers, &c.

I walkt along a streame for purenesse rare, Brighter then sun-shine, for it did acquaint The dullest sight with all the glorious pray, That in the pibble paued chanell lay. No molten Christall, but a Richer mine, Euen natures rarest alchumie ran there, Diamonds resolud, and substance more divine, Through whose bright gliding current might appeare A thousand naked Nymphes, whose yuorie shine, Enameling the bankes, made them more deare Then euer was that glorious Pallas gate, Where the day-shining sunne in triumph sate. Vpon this brim the Eglantine and Role, The Tamoriscke, Oliue, and the Almond tree, As kind companions in one vnion growes, Folding their twindring armes as oft we see, Turtle-taught louers either other close, Lending to dulnesse, feeling Sympathie. And as a costly vallance ore a bed, So did their garland tops the brooke orespred: Their leaves that differed both in shape and showe, (Thoughall were greene) yet difference such in green

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Like to the checkered bent of Iris bowe, Prided the running maine as it had beene.

Ch. Marlowe:

---In that meade proud making grasse,

A River like to liquid glasse,

Did with such soundfull murmure passe,

That with the same it wanton was.

Hard by this brooke a Pine had seat,

With goodly furniture compleat:

To make the place in state more great,

And lesning the the inflaming heat, Which was with leaues so bewrified,

And spred his brest so thicke and wide,

That all the Sunnes estraunged pride, Sustaind repulse on euery side.

G. Chapman.

The well of life, to life can dead restore,
And gilt of sinfull crimes cleane wash away:
Those that with sicknes were infected sore,
It could recure, and ages long decay
Renew, as it were borne that very day.
Both Silo this and Iordan did excell,
And the English Bath, and eke the Germaine Spanie,
Ne can Cephise nor Hebrus match this well.

Ed. Spencer.

Rich Oranochie though but knowne of late, And that huge River which doth beare his name Of warlike Amazons, which do possesse sames Idem.

---With the murmuring cadence of the wave, Which made a prettie wrangling as it went:

Chiding

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Chiding the bankes which no more limit gaue,
There toynd their wel-tund throats with such consent,
That even mad griefe at sight thereof grew grave,
And as inchanted, staid from languishment.
Proving, then their delight was never greater,
And griefe how much the more, so much the better.

I. Markham.

Vpon a Issper fringd with Iuie round.
Purssed with waves, thick thrumbd with mossie rushes,
He salls a sleep fast by a silent river, (rushing,
Whose captive streames through crooked pipes still
Make sweeter musicke with their gentle gushing.
Then now at Tivols, th' Hydrantike brawle,
Of rich Ferraras stately Cardinall,
Or Ctesibes rare engines, framed there
Whereas they made of Ibis, supiter.

I. Sylvester.

Proper Epithites and Adiuncts to divers things.
Of Trees, and Hearbes.

The sayling Pine, the Cedar proud and tall,
The Vine-prop Elme, the Poplar neuer drie,
The builder Oake, sole king of Forrests all,
The Aspine good for staues, the Cypresse funerall.
The Lawrell meed of mighty conquerours,
And Poets sage, the Firrhe that weepeth stil,
The Willow worne of forlorne paramours.
The Eughe obedient to the benders wil,
The Birch for shafts, the Sallow for the mil.

The Mirrhe sweet bleeding in the bitter wound,
The warlike Beech, the Ash for nothing il.
The fruitfull Olive, and the Platane round,
The carued Holme, the Maple seldominward sound:
Ed. Spencer.

Downe came the sacred Palmes, the Ashes wilde,
The funerall Cypresse, Holly ever greene:
The weeping Firre, thick Beech, and sayling Pine,
The maried Elme fell with his fruitful Vine.
The shooter Eughe, the broad leav'd Sycamore,
The barraine Plataine, and the Walnut sound,
The Mirrhe that her sowle sin doth still deplore:
The Alder owner of all watrish ground,
Sweet Juniper whose shadow hurteth sore,
Proud Cedar, Oake, the king of Forrests crownd.

Ed. Fairfax. Transl.

Behold fond Boy this Rozen weeping Pine,
This mournful Larix, dropping Turpentine.
This mounting Teda, thus with tempelts torne,
With Inkie teares continually to mourne.

M. Drayton.

Alcides speckled Poplar tree,
The Palmes that Monarchs do obtaine,
With loue-inice staind the Mulbery,
The fruite that deawes the Poets braine.
And Phillis Philbert there away,

Comparde with Mirtle and the Bay.
The tree that Coffins doth adorne,
With stately height threatning the skie,
And for the bed of love forlorne.

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The black and dolful Ebonie.

All in a cirele compact are, Like to an Amphitheater.

Math. Roydon.

The Spartane Mirtle whence sweet gums do flow,
The purple Hyacinth and fresh Costmary,
And Saffron sought, for in Cicilian soile,
Lawrel, the ornament of Phabus toile.
Fresh Rododaphne and the Sabine flowre,
Matching the wealth of the auncient Frankensence:
And pallid Ivie building his owne bowre,
And Boxe yet mindfull of his old offence:
Red Amaranthus lucklesse paramour:
Oxeyestill greene and bitter patience.
Ne wants there pale Narcisse, that in a well
Seeing his beautie, in loue withit fell.
Ed. Spencer.

Mirtle's due to Venus, greene Lawrell due to Apollo, Corn to the lady Ceres, ripe grapes to the yog mery Bacchus Poplar to Alcides, and Oliues vnto Minerua.

Gentle Amarathus thou fairest floure of a thousand, (ding Shalt be loues floure heceforth, though thou cam'st fro a blee Tet bloodshalt thou stanch, this gift will I give thee for ever

Abr. Fraunce.

Dead-sleeping Poppy and black Hellebore, Cold Coloquintida, and Tetra mad, Mortall Samnites and Cicuta bad, With which th'vniust Athenians made to die, Wise Socrates who thereof quasting glad, Powr'd out his life and last Philosophic. To the faire Critias his dearest Belamye. Ed. Spencer.

The wholefome Sage, and Lauender still gray, Ranke-smelling Rue, and Comin good for eies: The Roses raigning in the pride of May, Sharpe Isope good for greene wounds remedies. Faire Marygolds and Bees alluring Thime, Sweet Marioram and Daizies decking prime. Coole Violets and Orpin growing still, Embathed Balme, and chearfull Galingale, Fresh Costmary, and breathfull Camomill, Dull Poppey, and drinke-quickning Setnale, Veine-healing Vetuin, and head-purging Dill, Sound Sauory, and Bazill harty hale. Fat Colworts, and comforting Perseline, Cold Lettuce, and refreshing Rosmarine.

Idem.

A soft enflowred banke imbrac'd the fount
Of Chloris ensignes, an abstracted field:
Where grew Melanthy, great in Bees account,
Amareus that precious balme doth yeeld.
Enameld Pansies, vide at nuptialls still,
Dianaes arrow, Cupids crimson sheeld:
Ope-morne, Night-shade, and Venus Nauill.
Sollem Violets hanging heads as shamed,
And Verdant Calaminth for Odour famed.
Sacred Nepenthe purgative of care,
And soueraigne Ruberb that doth rancor kill.
Sia and Hyacinth that Furies weare,
White and red sessantines, merry Melliphill,
Faire crowne, imperial emperour of flowres,

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Immortall Amaranth, white Aphrodil, And cuplike twill pants strewd in Bacchus bowres. G. Chapman.

The Marigold Phabus beloued friend, The Maly which from forcery doth defend.

M. Dray.

Of Beasts.

The spotted Panther, and the tusked Boare. The Pardale swift, and the Tygre cruell, The Antelope and Woolfe, both fierce and fell. Ed. Spencer.

There might you see the burly Beare, The Lyon king, the Elephant: The mayden Vnicorne was there, So was Acteons horned plant. M. Roydon.

Rivers.

The fertile Nile, which creatures new doth frame, Long Rhodams, whose sourse springs from the skie, Faire Ister, flowing from the mountaines hie. Divine Scamander, purpled yet with bloud Of Greeks and Troians, which therein did lie, Pactolus gliftering with his golden floud, And Tigris fierce, whose streams of none may be with-(Stood) Ed. Spencer.

Great Gauges, and immortal Euphrates, Deepe Indus, and Meander intricate:

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Slowe Peneus, and tempessuous Phasides,
Swift R bene, and Alpheus still immaculate,
Oraxes seared for great Cyrus sate,
Tibris renowmed for the Romane same.
Idem.

Fishes.

Spring-headed Hydraes, and sea-shouldring Whales, Great Whirpooles which all Fishes make to flie: Bright Scholopendraes, arm'd with siluer scales, Mightie Monoceros, with immeasured tailes: The dreadfull Fish that doth deserue the name Of death, and like him lookes in dreadfull hue, The grisly wasserman that makes his game The flying ships with swiftnesse to pursue. The horrible sea-Satyre, that doth shewe His fearful face in time of greatest storme Huge Zissins whom mariners do eschewe, No lesse then rockes (as travailers informe) And greedy Rosmarines with visages deforme.

Ed. Sp.

Is the braue Normans courage now forgot?

Or the bold Britons lost the vie of shot?

The big bon'd Almains and stout Brabanters?

Or do the Piccards let the Crosbowes lie?

Once like the Centaurs of old The salp.

M. Dray ..

Of Birdes.

The skie-bred Eagle royall bird, Percht there vpon an Oake aboue:

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The Turtle by him neuer stird, Example of immortall loue.

The Swan that sings, about to die, Leauing Meander stood thereby.

M. Roydon.

The ill fac'te Owle deaths dreadfull messenger,
The hoarse night Rauen, trompe of dolful dreere,
The lether winged Bat, dayes enemie,
The ruful Strich stil wayting on the beere,
The Whistler shril, that who so heares doth die,
The heliss Harpies prophets of sad destenie.

Ed. Spencer.

The red-shankt Orcads toucht with no remorse,
The light-foote Irish which with darts make warre.
Th'rancke ridin'd Scot his swift running horse,
The English Archer of a Lyons force.
The valiant Norman all his troopes among,
In bloody conquest tryed in armes traind long.

M. Drayton.

Of Hounds.

White Leugon, and all-cating Pamphagos,
Sharp-sighted Dorceus, wild Oribasus,
Storme-breathing Lelaps, and the sauage Theron,
Wing-sooted Pteretas, and hind-like Ladon.
Greedy Harpia, and the painted Style,
Fierce Tygrus, and the thicket searcher Agre,
The black e Melaneus, and the bristed Lachne,
Leane-lustfull Cyprius, and big chested Aloe.

G. Chapman.

---Repen

--- Repentance sad,
Praier sweete charming, fasting, hairy clad.
I. Syl.

Cruell reuenge, and rancorous despight,
Disloyall treason, and heart-burning hate,
But gnawing Iealouzie out of their fight
Sitting alone, his bitter lips did bite,
And trembling feare still too and fro did flie,
And sound no place where safe he shrowd him might.
Lamenting sorrowe did in darkenesse lie,
And shame his vgly face did hide from living eie.

Ed. Sp.

Fresh Hyacinthus Phæbus paramoure, Foolish Narcisse that likes the watrie shore, Sad Amaranthus made a flowre of late.

Idem.

Nimphs.

The wooddy Nymphs faire Hamadryades.
And all the troupes of light foot Naides.

Ed. Sp.

Satires.

The Fawnes and Satires from the tusted brakes
Their brisly armes wreathd all about with snakes,
Their horned heads with woodbine chaplets crownd
With Cypresse I auelings, and about their thies,
The slaggy haire disordered loosely slies.

M. Drayton.

Fresh shadowes sit to shrowd from sunny ray, Faire fawnes to take the sunne in season due,

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Sweet springs in which a thousand bubbles play.

Soft rombling brookes, that gentle slomber drew.

High reared mounts, the lands about to vew.

Low looking dales, disioynd from common game,

Delightful bowres, to solace louers true.

False Labyrinths, fond runners eyes to daze,

All which by nature made, did natures selfe amaze.

Ed. Spencer.

Reproach the first, shame next, repentance, shame, Reproach the first, shame next, repent behinde:
Repentance seeble, sorrowfull and lame.
Reproach despightfull, carelesse and vnkinde,
Shame most il-fauoured, bestiall and blinde,
Shame lowed, repentance sighed, reproach did scold:
Reproach sharpe, repentance whips entwinde,
Shame burning Taper in her hand did hold,
All three to each vnlike, yet all made in one mould.

Idem.

Vnquiet care, and sad vnthristie head:
Lewd losse of time, and sorrow being dead,
Inconstant change, and false disloyaltie,
Consuming riotize and guiltie dread
Of heauenly vengeance, saint Insirmitie,
Vile pouertie, and lastly death with Insamic.

Idem.

* His angry steed did chide his frowning bitte.

Idem.

Rich Oranochye, though but knowne of late,
And that huge River which doth beare his name
Of warlike Amazons, which do possesse the same.

Ed. Spencer.

Hearbes.

The fable Henbane, Morrell making mad,
Cold poyloning Poppey, itching, drowlie, sad.
The stifning Carpese, th'eyes-foe Hemlock stinking,
Limb-numming, belching: and the sinew shrinking.
Dead-laughing Apium, weeping Aconite.
(Which in our vulgar deadly Wolfes Bane hight)
The dropsie-breeding, forrow-bringing Psyllie,
(Here called Fleawurt) Colchis banefull Lillie.
(With vs wild-Saffran) blistering, bitting fell,
Hot Napell, making lips and toong to swell.
Blood-boyling Yew, and costine Misseltoe,
With yce-cold Mandrake.

I. Syluester.

* --- Through crooked woods he wandreth, Round-winding rings, and intricate Meaanders, False guiding pathes, doubtful beguiling straies. And right strong errors of an endlesse maze.

Idem.

There springs the shrub tree soote about the grasse, Which seares the keene edge of the Curtelace:

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Whereof the rich Egiptian so endeares, Roote, barke, and fruite, and yet much more the teares. There lives the sea-oake in a litle shell; There growes untild the ruddy Cochenell, And there the Chermez, which on each side armes With pointed prickles all his precious armes, Rich trees and fruitfull in these wormes of price, Which pressed, yeeld a crimson coloured inice, When thousand lambs are died so deepe in graine, That their owne mothers know them not againe, There mounts the Melt which serues in Mexica, For weapon, wood, needle and thred to sowe, Bricke, honey, sugar, sucket, balme, and wine, Parchment, perfume, apparell, cord, and line, His wood for fier, his harder leaves are fit, For thousand vses of inventiue wit. I. Syluester.

The pedant minister, and serving clarke,
The tenpound base, frize ierkin hireling,
The farmers chaplaine, with his quarter warke,
The twentie-noble Curate and the thing
Call'd Elder, all these needs will bring
All reverend titles into deadly hate
Their godly calling, and their hie estate.
The Storer.

Of Trees.

The shady Groaues of noble palme-tree spraies, Of amorous mirtles and immortall baies.

Neuer

Neuer vnlearn'd, but euermore there new, Selfe-arching armes in thousand arbours grew. I. Syluester.

Riners.

Swift Guylon, Phyton and rich Tigris tide,
And that faire streame whose silver waves do kis,
The Monarch towers of proud Semyranis.

Euphrates.

Idem.

Of Homer.

Sweete numbred Homer.

I. Syl.

Heartstealing Homer, marrow of the Muses, Chiefe grace of Greece, best pearle of Poetric, Drowner of soules, with arts orewhelming sluces, Embellished with Phiebes lunarie, Deckt with the graces rich imbroderie.

Sweete honey-suckle, whence all Poets sprights, Sucke the sweete honey of divine delights.

C. Fitz-Ieffrey.

Of S. P. S.

Nettar tongu'd Sydney, Englands Mars and Muse.
Idem.

VV indes.

Earths sweeping broomes, of forrests enemie:

Oyou

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O you my Heraulds and my messengers,
My nimble posts and speedy messengers,
My armes, my sinewes, and my Eagles swift,
That through the aire my rolling chariot lift.

I. Syluester.

The Acolian crowde.

Idem.

* O sacred Olive, firstling of the fruites, Health-boading braunch.

Idem.

* The proud horse, the rough-skind Elephant, The lustic bull, the Camell water want.

Idem.

* --- Let the pearly morne
The radiant Moone, and rhumic evening see
Thy necke still yoaked with captivitie.

Idem.

* There natures story, till th'heauen shaker dread, In his iust wrath, the flaming sword had set, The passage into Paradice to let.

I. Syluester.

Of the infernall floud.

With thundring call the damned crew, that sup Of sulphurie Stix, and siery Phlegeton, Bloudie Cocytus, muddy Acheron.

I. Sylnester.

The sunne the scalons stinter.

Of language before confusion.

Sure bond of Cities friendships masticke sweete,
Strong curbe of anger yerst vnited, now
In thousand drie brookes straies, I wot not how:
That rare rich gold, that charme griefe, fancie mouely
That calm-rage, harts theefe, quel-pride conjure-louer,
That purest coine then currant in each coast
Now mingled, hath sound, waight, and colour lost.
Tis counterfeit, and ouer euery shoare,
The confuld fall of Babell yet doth roare.

Idem.

Of God himselfe, th' old sacred Idiome rich,
Right perfect language, wher's no point nor signe,
But hides some rare deepe misterie behind.

Of Scaliger.

The learned's sunne, who eloquently can Speake Hebrew, Greeke, French, Latine, Nubian, Dutch, Tuscan, Spanish, English, Arabicke.
The Sirian, Persian, and the Caldaike.
Orich quicke spirit; O wits Chamelion, Which any authors colour can put on.
Great Intim same, and Silvius worthy brother, Thummortall grace of Gascony, their mother, Idem.

Wing-

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Idem.

Of the Hebrew tongue.

Of spiritual pictures, speech of heavens hie King, Mother and mistresse of all the tongues the prime, Which pure hast past such vast deepe gulphs of time, Which hast no word but waies, whose elements Flowe with hid sense, thy points with sacraments. Of acred Dialect, in thee the names Of men, townes, countries, register their sames In briefe abridgements: and the names of birds, Of water guests, and forcest haunting heards, Are open brookes, where every man might read.

Miscellanea.

Of the Graces. * Acidale.

Handmaides of Venus, which are wont to haune

* Vpon this hill, and daunce there day and night,

Those three to men all gifts of graces graunt,

And all that Venus in her selfe doth vaunt,

Is borrowed of them.

I'hey are the daughters of skie-ruling Ione,
By him begot of faire Eurmome,
The Oceans daughter in this pleasant Groue,
As he this way comming from feastfull glee

EWULISH PUETS. Of Thetis wedding with Aeacidee, In sommers Thade himselfe here rested weary. The first of them highe mild Euphrosyne, Next faire Aglaia, last Thalia merry, Sweet goddelles al three, which men in mirth do cherry Therfore they alwaies smoothly seemd to smile, That we likewise should mild and gentle bee, And also naked are; that without guile Orfalse dissemblance all them plaine may see, Simple and true, from couert malice free: And eke themselves so in their dounce they bore, That two of them stil forward seemd to bee. But one stil forwards shou'd her selfe afore, That good should from vs go, then come in greater Idem. (Store

Simoniake and vnlearned Ministers.

Such men are like our curtaines at their best,
To make vs sleepe, or hinder vs from light:
Troublers of nature, children of the West,
Haters of sence, adopted sonnes of night;
In whom the wise both sorrow and delight.
Yet were there not such Vegetalls the while,
What had the wiser sort whereat to smile?
The Storer.

Renowmed Picus of Mirandula,
Hated the substance of a Clergy man
That was volettered, and made a lawe,
An ignorant which neuer had began

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I will you lend, the rest your selues must give,

That it both seene and felt may with you lives
Full glad they were, and tooke the naked sprite

Which strait the earth y cloathed in his clay:

The Lyon hart; the Ownce gaue active might.

The Horse good shape; the Sparrow lust to play,

Nightingale voyce, entifing songs to say.

Elephant gaue a perfect memory,

And Parrot ready toong that to apply.

The Foxe gaue craft; the Dogge gaue flattery;
Asse patience; the Mole a working thought!

Eagle high thought, Wolfe secret crueltie,

Monky sweet breath; the Cow her faire eyes brought

The Ermion whitest skin, spotted with nought.

The Sheepe mild seeming face, climing the Beares

The Stag did give the harme-eschuing feare.

The Hareher sleights, the Cat his melancholy,

Ant industry, and Conny skill to build :

Cranes order; Storkes to be appearing holy:

Camelion ease to chaunge, Ducke ease to yeeld,

Crocodile teares, which might be falfly spild.

Ape greeting gaue, though he did mowing stand,
The instrument of instruments the hand.

S. Phil. Sidney.

Preparations for defence.

Some built the breaches of their broken towne, That heaven and Panimire had broken downe.

Some other found a Cautell gainst the Ramme,

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To saue the wall vnbroken where it came.
Thus sacobs townes on all sides had their flankes
With Gabions strong, with bulwarkes and with bankes.
Some others busie went and came in routs,
To Terrace Towers, some vnder baskets louts.
Some others also wanting time and might
To strength their Townes, yet vsed all kind of slight
To dig vp ditches deepe for Cesternes good,
To draw to them the best and nearest flood.

7 h. Hudson.

* --- The hidden loue that now adayes doth hold, Thesteele and load-stone, Hydrargire and gold. The Amber and straw; that lodgeth in one shell, Pearle-fish and Sharpling: and vnites so well Sargons and Goates, the Sperage and the Rose, Th'Elme and the Vine, th'Olive and Mirtle bush Is but a sparke or shadow of that love, Which at the first in every thing did move. When as the earths Muses with harmonious sound, To heavens sweet musicke humbly did resound. But Adam being chiefe of all the strings Of this large Lute, ore-retched, quickly brings All out of tune: and now for melody Of warbling charmes, it yells so hideously That it affrights fell Enynon, who turmoiles To raise againe th'old Chaos anticke broiles. I. Syl.

* --- Holy Nectar that in heavenly bowers

Eternally selfe-powring Hebe powers.

Or blest Ambrosia, Gods immortal fare.

Idem.

* O who shall show the countenance and gestures
Of mercy and justice: which faire sacred sisters
With equal poize do euer ballance euen,
Th'onchanging projects of the king of heaven.
Th'one sterne of looke, the other mild aspecting,
Th'one pleased with teares, th'other blood affecting.
Th'one beares the sword of vengeance vnrelenting,
Th'other kings pardon, for the true repenting.
The one earths Eden, Adam did dismisse,
Th'other hath raised him to a higher blisse.

Idem.

* Day hath his golden Sun, her Moone the night,
Her fixt and wandring starres, the azure skie:
So framed all by their Creators might,
That stilthey liue and shine, and nere shall die.
Till in a moment with the last dayes brand.
They burne, and with them, burne earth, sea and land.

Ed. Fairfax.

The Wolfe the trembling theepe pursus,
The crowing Cocke the Lyon stout eschues.
The Pullaine hide them from the Puttocks slight,
The Masties mute at the Hyenas sight.
Yea, who would thinke of this fel enmities?
Rage in the sencelesse trunks of plants and trees.
The Vine, the Cole, the Colewort Sow bread dreeds,
The Fearne abhorres the hollow waving Reeds.
The Oliue and the Oake participate,
Suen to their earth, signes of their auncient hate.
Which suffers not (ô date lesse discord) th'one
sue in that ground, where th'other first hath growne.

I. Syl.

Both swimming Shoales and flying troupes do drop. I meane the tree now in *Iuturna* growing, Whose leaves dispearst by *Zephyrs* wanton blowing. Are metamorphos'd both in forme and matter, On land to sowles, to fishes on the water.

Idena.

On her weake backe, her parents house, and weares
In stead of wings, a beuer rupple downe
Followes her damme, through furrows vp and downe.

Idem.

*---We see the new falme silly Lambe
Yet staind with blood of his distressed damme,
Knowes well the Wolfe, at whose fell sight he shakes,
And right the teate of th'vnknowne Eawe he takes.

Idem.

Furies.

Alecto, sad Megera, and Thesiphon,
The nights blacke saunghters grim-fac'd Furies sad,
Sterne

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terne Plutoes posts.

1. Sylnester.

Nepenthe.

Vepenthe is a drinke of soueraigne grace,
Deuised of the Gods for to assage
learts griefe, and bitter gall away to chase,
Vhich stirre vp anguish and contentious rage,
I stead thereof, sweete peace and quiet age,
I doth establish in the troubled minde
lewe men but such as sober are and sage,
I re by the Gods to drinke thereof assignde,
Jut such as drinke, eternall happinesse do finde.

Ed. Sp.

--- Nepenthe enemie to sadnesse, lepelling sorrowes, and repeating gladnesse, lyxer that excells, aue men or angells, every creature ells.

I. Syl.

Of Eccho.

Th'aires daughter Eccho haunting woods among, blab that will not (cannot keepe her tongue). Who neuer askes, but euer answeres all, Vho lets not any her in vaine to call.

Iders.

Of the Marigold.

The Marigold to likes the louely Sunne, hat when he lets, the other hides his face:

And

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And when he gins his morning course to runne,
She spreads abroad, and shewes her greatest grace.

T. Watson.

Of the Eagle.

No bird but Iones can looke against the sunne, Idem.

--- Enuies bird must say when all is donne. No bird but one is sacred to the sunne.

Idem.

Hercules Labours.

Beast, Snake, Bore, Stag, Birds, Belt, Plankes, Bull, Theese, Fruite, Dog Diomede,

Choakt,scard,pauncht,cought,pierst,prizd, Washt,throwen,slaine,puld,chaind,horsed.

W. Warner,

Nylus.

Great Wilus land, where raine doth neuer fall.

T. Hudson.

There quakes the plant, which in Pudefetan
Is call'd the shamefac't, for asham'd of man,
If toward it one do approach too much,
It shrinkes the boughes, to shun our hatefull touch.
As if it had a soule, a sense, and sight,
Subject to shame, feare, sorow and despight.
I. Sylvester.

Of Acheron.

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Rude Acheron, a loathsome lake to hell, That boiles and bubs vp swelth as blacke as hell.

Where

Where grisly Charon at their fixed tide Still ferries ghosts vnto the farther side. M. Sackuile.

Echidna.

Whom Gods do hate and heauens abhorre to see:
So hidious is her shape, so huge her head,
That euen the hellish fiends affrighted bee
At sight thereof, and from her presence flie.
Yet did her faire and former parts professe,
A faire young maiden, full of comely glee:
But all her hinder parts did plaine expresse,
A monstrous Dragon, full of fearefull vglinesse.

Ed. Spencer.

4. Cardinall vertues.

And Phronesis the Iudge, and chaste Drueilla,
And she that boldly fights for vertues lore,
Descending from the Romine race Camilla.
S. I. Harrington.

Of the Eagle.

The Cedar-building Eagle beares the winde, And not the Falchon, though both Haukes by kinde. That Kingly bird doth from the clouds command The fearefull fowle that moues but nere the land.

A1. Dray.

Phanix.

Phanix.

That still renewes it selfe and neuer dies,

And onely one in all the world there flies,

S. I. Harrington.

* Of all chast birds the Phænix doth excell,
Of all strong beasts the Lyon beares the bell:
Of all sweete flowers, the Rose doth sweetest smell.

Of all pure mettalls gold is onely purest,

Of all the trees the Pine hath highest crest.

Of all proud birds the Eagle pleaseth Ione,

Of pretie fowles kind Venus likes the Doue,

Of trees Minerua doth the Olive moue.

* Who holdeth league with Neptune and the winde?

S. Dan.

The Phænix gazeth on the sunnes bright beames, The Echnæus swims against the streames. R. Greene.

Impossibilities.

He that the number of the leaues could cast.

That in November falles by winters blast:

He that could tell the drops of raine and sleete,

That Hyad, Orion, or Pleyiades weete.

Sheds on the ground that man might onely tell,

What teares from Indiths eies incestant fell.

Th. Hudson.

---- Like

Give

is Proper name; or like George Trapezunce,
earned in youth, and in his age a dunce.

I. Syl.
he firmament shall retrograde his course,
wift Euphrates go hide him in his sourse:
irme mountains skip like lambes beneath the deepe,
agles shall dive, whales in the aire shall keepe.
re I presume with singers end to touch,
such lesse with lippes the fruite forbid too much.
I. Sylvester.

lie from thy channell, Thames forsake thy streames, eaue the Adamant Iron, Phæbus lay thy beames. lease heauenly spheres, at last your watrie warke etray your charge, returne to Chaos darke. It least some ruthlesse Tigre hang her whelpe, Ay Catisbye so with some excuse to helpe. M. M.

Ceston.

That girdle gaue the vertue of chast loue, and winehood true to all that did it beare: tut whosoener contrary doth prone, slight not the same about her middle weare, but it would loose or else asunder teare. Whilom it was (as Faieries wont report)

Dame Venus girdle by her esteemd deare
What time she vide to line in winely fort, but laid aside when so she vide her sport. Her husband Vulcan whilome for her sake, When first he loued her with heart intire, shis precious ornament they say did make.
And wrought in Lemnos with vnquenched fire, and asterward did for her sirst loues hire,

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Giue it to her for euer to remaine,
Therewith to bind lascinious desire,
And loose affections straightly to restraine,
Which vertue it for euer did retaine.
This goodly Belt, was Ceston call'd by name.
Ed, Spencer.

* The noble Lyon neuer flaies the least,
But alwaies praies upon some worthy beast.
The thunder throwes his sulphured shafts adowne,
On Atlas high, or cold Ripheus crowne.
The tempest fell more servently doth fall
On houses high, then on the homely hall,
Th. Hudson.

*Saturntaught men untaught before, to eare the lusty land And how to pierce the patietesse aire with shafts from bow mans hand.

God Dis did quaile to see his gold so fast conuaid from helt.

And sishes quakt, when men in ships amidst their slouds did

dwell

UU. UU arner.

Twelue foule faults.

A wise man living like a drone, an old man not devout,
Youth disobedient, rich men that are charitie without:
A shameles woma, vicious Lords, a poore man proudly stout.
Cotentious Christias, Pastors, that their functions do neglect,
A wicked King, no discipline, no lawes men to direct,
Are twelve the foulest faults that most all common-wealth.
W. Warner.
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OF OVR ENGLISH POETS.

Engines of Varre.

And reared up the Ramme for battery best.
Here bends the Briccoll while the Cable crackes,
There Crosbowes were uprent with yron Rackes.
Here crooked Coruies fleing Bridges tall,
Their scathfull Scorpions that ruines the wall,
On euery side they raise with joynture meete,
The timber Towres for to commaund the streete.
The painfull Pioners wrought against their will,
With fleakes and Faggots, ditches up to fill.
Th. Hudson.

* --- The happie Arabs those that builds
In thatched Wagons wandring through the fields.
The subtil Tirians they who first were Clarkes,
That staid the wandring words in leaves and barkes.

Idem.

* At Babell first confused toongs of enery language grew. W. Warner.

* From Ninus first, he first a Monarchy did frame.

Idem.:

Lord Dane the same was called the to the a pleasing name, Now odiously Lordan say we, when idle mates we blame. Idem.

The Turtle that is true and chaste in loue, shewes by her mate something the spirit doth moue. The Arabian byrd that neuer is but one, sonly chaste because she is alone.

L'HE CHILLDELL FLOVVERA . had our mother Nature made them two, They would have done as Doues and Sparrowes do. But therefore made a Martyr in desire, And doth her pennance leftly in the fire? M. Drayton. Teast not with fooles, suffer Saints, let mighty fooles be mad; Note, Seneca by newes done for precepts, pennance had. VV Warner. * The Romane widow dide when the beaeld Her sonne, whom erst she counted saine in feeld; G. Gascoigne. Rivers. Faire Danubie is praisde for being wide, Wilus commended for the seuen-sold head? Euphrates for the swiftnesse of the tide, in Shinds And for the garden whence his course is led, The bankes of Rhine with Vines are ouerspred. Take Loyre and Po, yet all may not compare With English Thomesic for buildings rare. Th. Storer .--FINIS. the state of the s and the Business 海南南道上三日 原知



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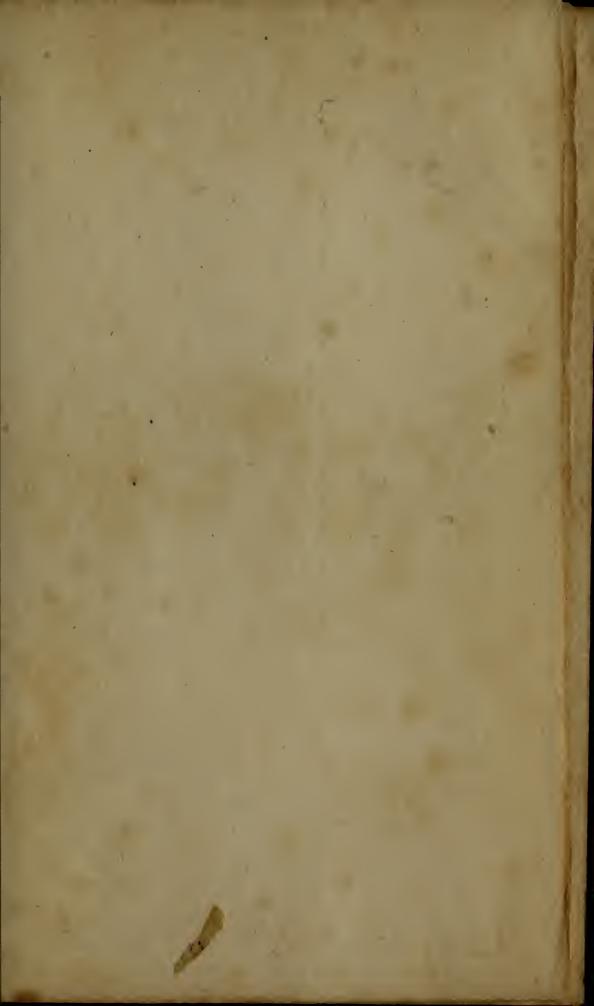
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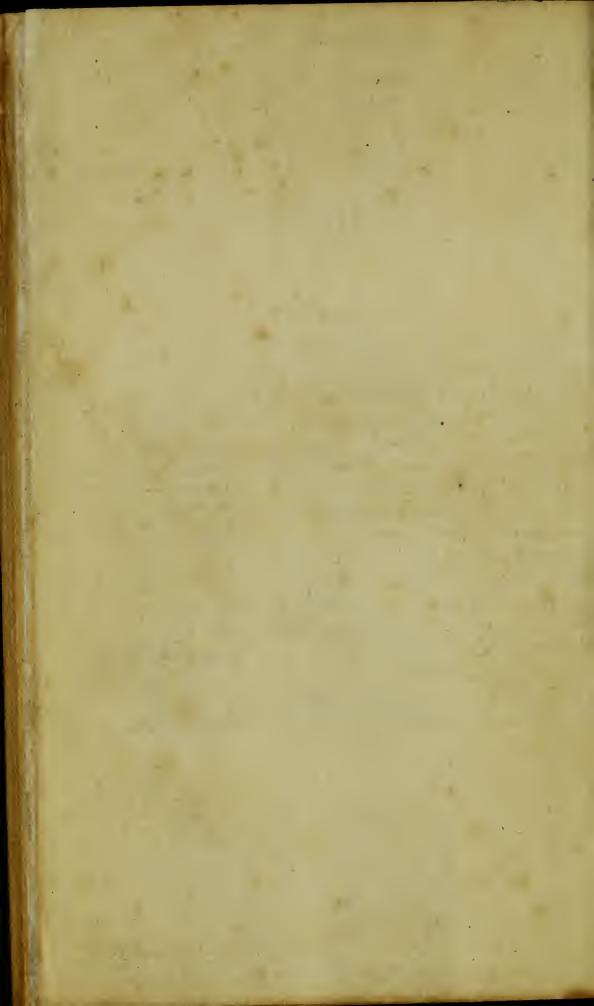
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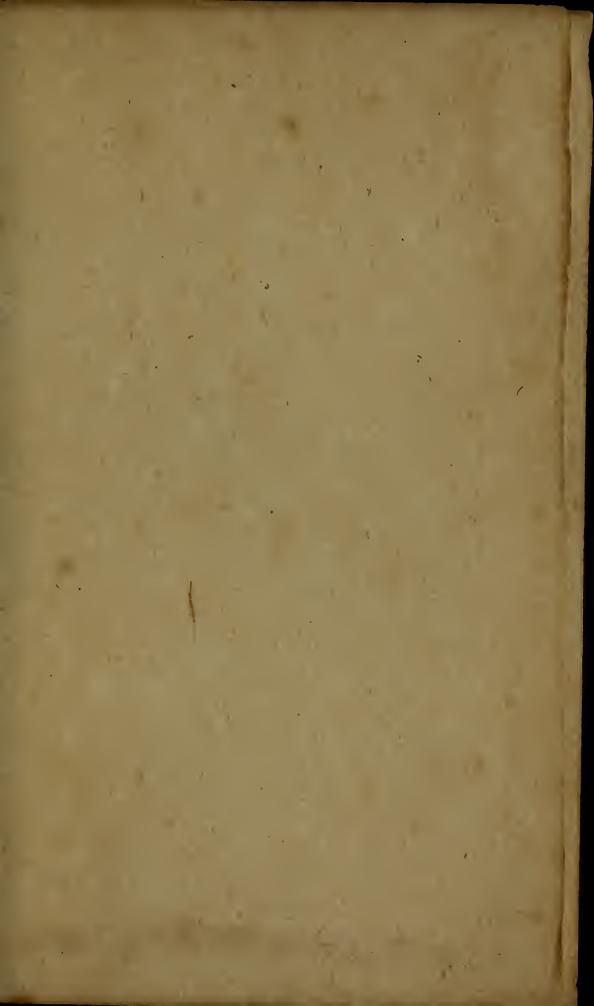
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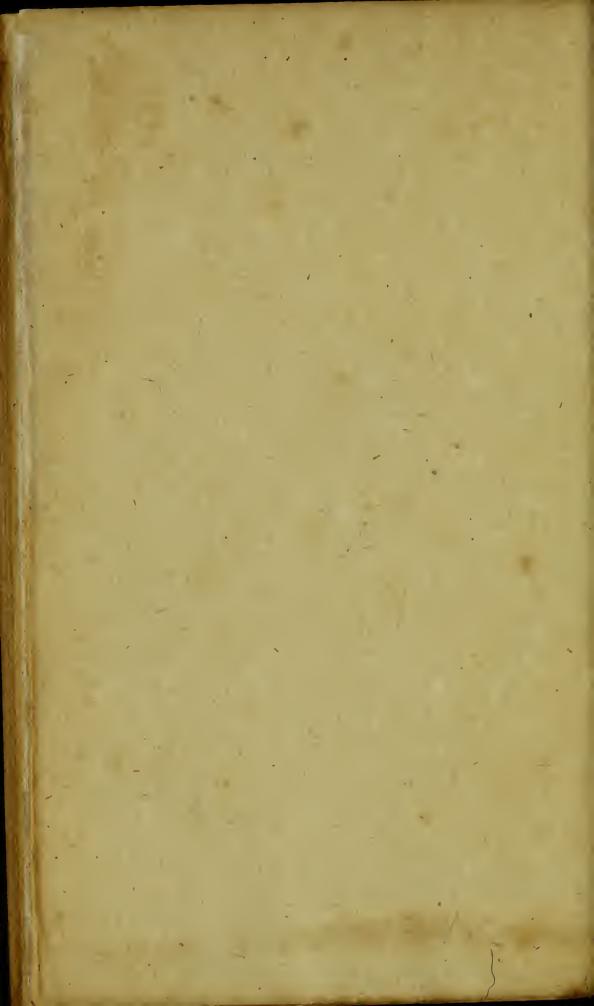
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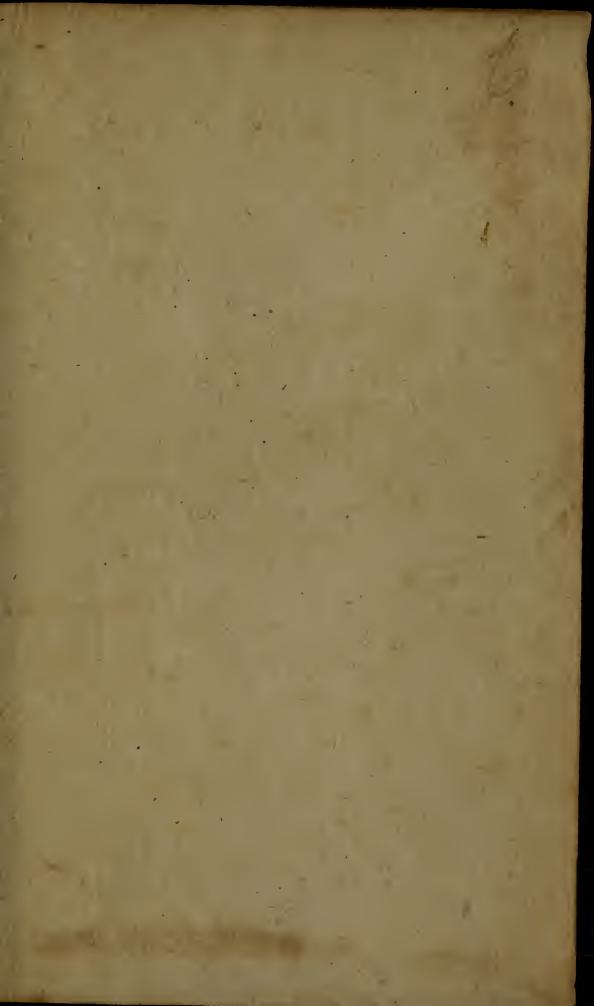
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